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Michelin star for Dorchester chef

by Stuart Broom

A MAN who made a career change 15-years-ago to become a chef has been rewarded for his ambition by the award of the first Michelin star to a Dorset restaurant for over 20 years.

Russell Brown who opened the Sienna Restaurant in High West Street, Dorchester in 2003 with his wife Eléna, was delighted to have won the coveted award, considered to be the highest honour in the restaurant industry.

He said: "There's only maybe 140 restaurants in the UK that have been recognised by Michelin, so it is a great honour."

"This is as much for the

people of Dorchester as for me.

"Not only is it wonderful recognition for Sienna, but one more factor that helps put the county town firmly on the map.

"The guide is published for readers, not chefs, so apart from receiving a visit from them to sample the food on offer you rarely get any other contact with them.

"I knew they were checking on me because a gentleman introduced himself after a meal last June, but they would have made several unan-

nounced visits over a period because they are looking for consistency as much as anything else.

"It was quite a shock, although a very nice one, when someone phoned to say they had seen the news on a website. I had to check for myself before it finally sank in."

Russell had owned a fishing tackle shop in Cornwall prior to making the decision to train as a chef.

He said: "I had always enjoyed food and mum made good home cooked food, although I had no de-

sire at the time to become a chef.

"I guess I was rather fortunate in that my parents owned a farm shop in Cornwall and mum made cakes, chutneys and jams to sell and so I was aware of fresh vegetables and fruit. I was also quite an ambitious cook at home."

Russell, then in his late twenties, was quite old to train as a chef, but he set about the task with the ambition to one day own his own restaurant.

His first job was at the Alverton Manor in Truro, a two rosette 120 cover restaurant, where he learned his trade under the tutorage of head chef

Colin Gilbert.

He then moved to Percy's at Virginstow before he was appointed head chef at Yalbury's just outside of Dorchester.

"It was a great leap of faith for the owners Heather and Derek Furlinger," said Russell.

"They gave me a free run of the kitchen and my remit was to take the restaurant from a one-rosette AA award to a two-rosette, something I achieved and continued to maintain in my three and a half years there."

He achieved his ambition and opened the Sienna seven-years-ago with

Eléna, who runs the front of house.

"Our aim is to provide modern, seasonal cooking coupled with a great wine list," he said. "We try to use as many local suppliers as we can."

"The Dorset Wine Company at Poundbury is one of our two wine suppliers, and we are lucky that there are so many excellent local producers that we are able to source most of our requirements from them."

The last restaurant in Dorset to be awarded a Michelin star was Provence in Bournemouth in 1987.

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MEERI Wallace was born in Helsinki, Finland and moved to England in 1977 where she grew up on farms and small-holdings in Norfolk villages.

After leaving school Meeri moved to Swindon for a year and worked as an office clerk for a broadcasting company, then went to London to study until she had enough qualifications to go to Plymouth University where got a degree in psychology.

She lives in Hawkchurch with her partner Paul and two young daughters.

Meeri spends her days supporting Paul in running their electrical and security business and volunteering for the local branch of the National Childbirth Trust and Bumps and Babies group in Bridport.

■ WHAT is the National Childbirth Trust and what do they do?

The NCT has two sides. On the one hand they undertake research into maternity issues and campaign for better maternity services. At a local level they provide support, advice, information and services relating to pregnancy, childbirth and early parenthood.

■ WHAT is Bumps and Babies all about?

Bumps and Babies is the local face of the NCT, which are local drop-sessions run by local parents, where parents-to-be and new parents can meet up to seek the information/advice they need, make friends and get themselves out of the house with their babies. Occasionally, we have guest speakers. Some mum's come along for a coffee and chat, but some mums come along to get specific support for a variety of difficulties they may be experiencing.

■ WHAT would you say to anyone considering going along to one of your groups and who would you recommend it to?

At Bumps and Babies you can meet lots of other mums in the same boat, exchange experiences, find out tricks and tips on feeding, weaning, sleeping matters. And talk through personal and relationship changes too. I would recommend Bumps and Babies to any new parent. The friends I made five-years-ago are still my friends today. I've met lots of lovely people and I hope I've been able to give something back.

■ BUMPS and Babies in Bridport was facing closure – how are things now?

The branch was facing closure after almost 25 years, but thanks to *View From* and an all-out plea we had a hugely successful AGM. We have a full house on the committee and lots of new mums hosting the drop-in sessions. Fundraising, social events, workshops and ante-natal classes are back in the calendar. We've also had to move premises, but have now found a lovely venue at St John's Ambulance Hall on Rax Lane in Bridport.

■ WHY do you think it is important to have groups like Bumps and Babies?

Groups like Bumps and Babies give incentives to get out



of the house, get some fresh air, engage in social activities for both parent and child. Becoming a new mum is probably the most intense life-changing event that we go through and it does change who we are. Some parents will find this a relatively easy transition, but some parents might lose a bit of confidence somewhere along the way and attending any social group can help you find your stride again.

■ WHAT were you like as a child?

A bit of a handful I think! I was always very lucky to be

close to my mother and being the youngest in the family I suspect I was spoiled rotten. I remember being quite independent and confident and I'm prepared to accept that I was probably hard-work. I remember I got bored a lot and needed constant mental stimulation.

■ WHAT'S your earliest childhood memory?

Skiing. The winter just after my second birthday. I was following my sister out of the drive way in Finland and I can still remember looking down at my feet getting into the rhythm. In Finland, snow is a fact of life and children learn to ski very young.

■ IF you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be and why?

I've been lucky enough to have travelled a lot and Hawkchurch is where I want to be right now. I've never been to New Zealand, but it looks like a wonderful place to be with lots of space. Hawaii might be nice for a while. It'd be fun to watch the kids on beach all day surfing.

■ WHAT would you cook if you were on TV's Come Dine With Me?

I love the idea of entertaining guests with a full on stylish dinner party. But it'll never happen, the pressure of getting it right would be too much. Perhaps I'd go Finnish and cook up a traditional meal of reindeer and bear stew!

■ AND who would be your three dream dinner guests and why?

I would invite The Dalai Lama. I saw him doing a talk in London about 15-years-ago and he had such a lovely sense of humour, along with his incredible teachings. I'd also like to invite Goran Visnjic, who played Dr Luca Kovac in the American drama series ER. My final dinner guest would be the comedian Michael McIntyre. His observations on day to day human behaviour are spot on and utterly hilarious.

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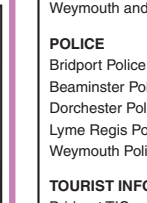
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Row over Poundbury access to Maiden Castle

A ROW is brewing over access to Maiden Castle from Poundbury with claims that although phases three and four of the development call for better access to the public on foot, the Duchy of Cornwall's plans do not include access via an underpass of the A35 but a much longer and environmentally unfriendly route.

Objections have already been lodged by a number of rambling and cycling organisations as well as disabled groups.

And now the Lib-Dem Parliamentary Candidate for West Dorset, Dr Sue Farrant has added her weight to the argument.

She recently visited Poundbury and Maiden Castle at the invitation of the Poundbury Rural Access Campaign headed by Peter Evans.

Mr Evans explained that the Duchy of Cornwall's plans for the further development of Poundbury did not include the rural access to Maiden Castle under the Dorchester bypass envisaged in the 2006 Poundbury Development Brief.

Instead the Duchy were proposing a convoluted route alongside the bypass to an existing footpath to the north west of Maiden Castle or funnelling residents along the

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inside of the bypass to Maiden Castle Road.

Dave Green, South Dorset Ramblers Countryside Secretary, pointed out that Maiden Castle Road is single track with narrow unmaintained verges and cannot safely cope with the present mix of cars and coaches with recreational users, let alone the extra burden that will be imposed by 5,000 new Poundbury residents once the development is complete.

He told Dr Farrant that the Ramblers' objectives are to see that the Poundbury Development Brief is fully implemented in its detail as well as its spirit and that all paths included in the outline planning consent should be dedicated as public (not permissive) rights of way.

A timescale for the dedication of the paths should be included which will ensure rural access from West Dorchester and the Poundbury Development in the very near future and the paths should take account of the needs of cyclists, walkers and the disabled in compliance with the local development plan.

Dr Farrant was shown the farmtracks, which could be dedicated as public rights of way to Maiden Castle and up to about 20-years-ago, were accessible by the public. She agreed that there did not appear to be any good reason why these tracks should not once again be available for public access from Poundbury, thereby relieving pedestrian pressure on Maiden Castle Road and bypassing the existing dangerous footpath crossing of the A35.

Dr Farrant said: "Walking is a great form of exercise and most of us need to do more of it. South Dorset Ramblers are suggesting a way to make it easy and pleasant for people to walk between Poundbury and Maiden Castle without threatening livestock or crops.

"It seems to me that what they are suggesting is a very good solution, balancing the interests of Poundbury residents and the Duchy.

"I hope that the District Council will listen to them and will make sure that their own development brief is followed."



■ **FIGHTING FOR ACCESS:** Sue Farrant with Peter Evans, Poundbury Campaign Chairman (centre) and Dave Green, Ramblers Countryside Secretary



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Hardy night plans to save manuscripts

By Anita Harries

dients from Bridge Farm, Somerset, and Dorset apple cake from Jessica's in Bridport. This will be admirably prepared and presented by Jane Noltling-May of The Octagon café and her staff. Whilst enjoying the refreshments, there will be the opportunity to take part in an auction, run by a local celebrity whose name will be announced later.

This will include some very rare and valuable lots – a copy of Ben Hur signed by Augusta Bugler to her sister Gertrude in Christmas 1916, photographs of the original Hardy Players courtesy

of Norrie's nephew Michael Toms, an edition of the book "Moments of Love", which contains a collection of poems written by Thomas Hardy to his first wife Emma as well as a genuine signature by Hardy himself, and more than a few surprise items.

To complete the whole ambience of the evening, guests will be treated to an excerpt from a very unique interview which will be recorded in Hardy's study in the museum between Norrie Woodhall and Julian Fellowes.

Julian is a wonderful supporter of the New

Hardy Players, and gives very generously of his precious time to help whenever possible.

This is an event not to be missed, whether you are a true Hardy devotee, a fan of the New Hardy Players, or just someone who would like to see the Hardy manuscripts returned to Dorchester.

The Dorset County Museum already holds the world's finest Thomas Hardy collection.

Hardy Night: Chapter and Verse, will take place on Friday, March 12th at the Dorset County Museum, at 7.30pm.

Tickets cost £12.50 and will be available from the museum.



■ **ADMIRING** some of the Hardy artefacts already housed in the Museum are Devina Symes, Sue Worth and Andy Worth from the New Hardy Players, Dr Angelique Richardson from Exeter University and Museum director Jon Murden

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Police begin crackdown on dangerous drivers

DORSET Police have taken "no excuse" in the week following its launch of a campaign to crack-down on dangerous drivers.

The "no excuse" campaign launched last week and has seen extra police patrols and a mobile Dorset Safety Camera Partnership unit deployed on a range of roads right across Dorset in a mixture of marked and unmarked vehicles.

In just a week, police have stopped drivers and motorcyclists

for a total of 216 offences, with speeding being the most common problem.

Other offences include not wearing a seatbelt, using a mobile phone, driving with no insurance or MOT, carrying an abnormal load, ignoring a red traffic light and not being in proper control of a vehicle.

Over the next year, the 'no excuse' project will combine extra enforcement on the roads with

hard-hitting awareness and education campaigns in a joint effort to reduce the suffering caused by bad and careless driving.

The initiative is being led by Dorset Road Safe, a partnership including Dorset County Council, Dorset Police, Dorset Fire and Rescue, Dorset Safety Camera Partnership, NHS Dorset, the Highways Agency and Bournemouth and Poole borough councils.

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Dorset County Council have made the changes working with the Department of Children, Schools and Families and the council's contact centre, Dorset Direct.

The council is only the second local authority in the country to offer this new application process for parents.

Cabinet member for Children and Young People, Toni Coombs said: "Our continued drive to

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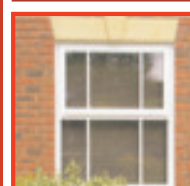
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Dorchester schools ditch uniform for Haiti appeal



■ PUPILS of Sunninghill School chill out in their own clothes

SUNNINGHILL Preparatory School in Dorchester was one of the many local schools who held a non-uniform day to raise funds for the

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victims of the Haiti earthquake. They turned up in their own clothes and dug deep into their pockets to raise the magnificent

sum of £581 for the cause.

The school also had a very successful festive season.

Collections taken during their Christmas Carol Service, along with money raised at their Christmas Fair, has resulted in £400, which will be donated to Julia's House Children's Hospice, Dorset.

A further £150 was forwarded to the Grace Secondary School in Sudan, a project undertaken by local couple Richard and Claire Budd.

■ FOR Damers First School, Dorchester, the Haiti earthquake disaster is being followed with close interest.

For six years the school has supported a young boy in Haiti through the charity Plan.

Plan works in 48 developing countries across Asia, Africa, and the Americas to promote child rights and lift millions of children out of poverty.

At a special meeting of Damers School Council, it was decided to hold a non-uniform day to raise money for the Haiti Disaster Fund.

The problems facing the people of Haiti were explained during an assembly, the older children having further discussions with their teachers. In one day the school collected over £750, and that total is expected to rise to over £800.

It may be some time before any news is received as to the fate of the young boy Damers First School have taken to their hearts.



■ CHILDREN from the pre-school and reception units join in the non-uniform day at Sunninghill School



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learning to dance.

Children of Damers First School in Dorchester are no exception.



■ TIME for tackling the waltz

Two very special guests who paid a visit to the school recently were Nicholas Jury and Emma Tarrant from the UK Open Dance Championships in Bournemouth.

They went along to teach dance under a coaching scheme run by Dance Crazy, Bournemouth.

Nicholas and Emma were joined by Nikki Simmonds, another enthusiastic young lady who oversees dance as part of the School's Creativity Project.

Nicholas and Emma were excellent teachers and developed a wonderful rapport with the children from year four.

With instructions and demonstrations that were easy to fol-

low, the children threw themselves into the dances.

The waltz and the Cha Cha Cha were quickly mastered with even the odd member of staff gliding across the floor with a certain amount of grace and timing.

The children picked up steps quickly and confidently danced with their partners while having fun.

Not only was the dance session about having fun, but it was an important exercise to boost confidence and self-esteem and assist with co-ordination. Dancing also teaches the children how to inter-act with a partner, improving team work skills.



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Philip Scriven was born in Chard in 1970, and was a chorister at Westminster Abbey and a music scholar at Charterhouse. He went on to study at the Royal Academy of Music; St John's College, Cambridge; the Musikhochschule in Vienna; and the Juilliard School in New York.

As a recitalist, Philip has toured Europe, Canada and the USA, and in 1995 he won

the Royal College of Organists'

Performer of the Year title. In September 1998 he returned to Westminster Abbey as Acting Sub-Organist, and a year later moved to Winchester Cathedral as Assistant Master of Music. He took up his current position as Organist and Master of the Choristers at Lichfield Cathedral in September 2002.



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■ WEST and East Dorset branches of CAMRA. Kneeling at the front are: Dave Harris (West Dorset branch chairman), Andy Brown (East Dorset branch chairman), Colliton Club steward Neil Gatehouse and event organiser Richard Gabe

All beer and skittles

THE West and East Dorset branches of the Campaign for Real Ale met for a skittles match at the Colliton Club in Dorchester, several times winner of the CAMRA Wessex Regional Club of the Year Award.

Around 40 members from both branches

used both skittle alleys, but the result was a draw.

The event was organised by West Dorset Social Secretary Richard Gabe, in liaison with East Dorset's social team, led by Trevor Thwaites.

Mr Gabe said: "A great day was had by all,

everyone getting into the team spirit of the event.

"There was no overall winning side and the four games yielded a draw."

Later on in the day, various pubs in Dorchester were visited and a random darts contest was played.

Grease is the word at the Corn Exchange

THE Corn Exchange in Dorchester will be transformed into Ryedale High School as Dorchester Moose present their very own "Grease Night" in aid of the Dorchester Opportunity Group.

The evening will be filled with fun, frolics and rock and roll.

You will be able to watch the film, sing along to the soundtrack with the song sheets provided, and dance the hours away in the very best 50's fashion.

Fancy dress is optional but will be welcomed, and in true "Grease" tradition one of you will become the

Rock'n'Roll Party queen (or king).

Supported by Wessex FM and the Premier Party Shop, the doors will open at 5.45pm and the bar will remain open until midnight.

The event will take place on Saturday, March 27th.

Tickets at £10 each are available from three outlets in Dorchester, Specsavers, Harmony Music, and The New Curiosity Shop. They can also be purchased from Crosby Carpets in Weymouth.

More information on the Grease night is available on the website www.grease-istheword.co.uk.



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■ SIGNED AUTOGRAPHS: Among the lot for sale are signed photographs of the stars on location at Lyme Regis

Jane Austen memorabilia up for auction

By Stuart Broom

MEMORABILIA linking Jane Austen and Lyme Regis are always well sought after and there is another chance for keen collectors when items relating to the filming of *Persuasion* in the town in 1994 come under the hammer at Dukes Auction House next week in aid of the Weldmar Hospicecare Trust.

Released in 1995, scenes were filmed in both Lyme Regis and Bath, and the memorabilia gives an insight into what kind of information was required to ensure the filming went smoothly.

The novel, Austen's last, was published in 1818, a year after her

death and was converted to the big screen by BBC Films and starred Amanda Root as Anne Elliot and Ciarán Hinds as Captain Frederick Wentworth.

The lot up for auction contains film schedules and rehearsals scripts together with a daily call sheet for Monday September 26th, 1994 giving information on where the cast should park, what scenes were to be shot and the props and live-stock required.

There is also more general information such as hotels, train timetables and maps and directions

as well as contact details.

Deborah Doyle of Duke's said: "The collection also contains photos of Ciarán Hinds, Sally George, Amanda Root, Simon Russell Beale, Victoria Hamilton and Sophie Thompson shot on location at Lyme Regis and autographed by the actors."

She added that their is a lot of interest from autograph hunters, Austen enthusiasts as well as film memorabilia collectors and is expected to raise in the low to mid hundreds of pounds at the sale next Tuesday February 2nd.

Top award for hospice

WELDMAR Hospicecare Trust and Westminster Memorial Hospital in Shaftesbury have won the top award in the category for Success in Partnership Working.

The 2009/2010 NHS Dorset Health & Social Care Awards ceremony was held at Kingston Maurward where Weldmar received a certificate and cheque, which will help towards the running of the day hospice.

Weldmar Day Hospice was represented by Lead Nurse, Claire Hart, Creative Therapist, Susie White, and Health Care Assistant Debbie Dickinson.

Westminster Memorial Hospital was represented by Carolyn Cox (former Matron) and Jane Sylvester

the new Matron.

This joint venture between Weldmar Hospicecare Trust and Westminster Memorial Hospital (Dorset Primary Care Trust) has integrated palliative day hospice services into the community hospital.

Claire Hart said: "Feedback from patients and carers has been very positive.

"The project has been so well supported that we have a waiting list for admissions.

"The success of this project is down to the team work between the Day Hospice and the Hospital staff and I would like to say a big thank you to all who have been involved in the project."

Cheers for Charlotte

CHARLOTTE Webster is a very busy young lady. With a BTEC National Diploma in dance from Poole College and a dance degree from Chichester University, she is already passing on her talents to young people from both Dorchester and Poole.

She spends her evenings indulging her passion for belly dancing and street dance at the Thomas Hardy School in Dorchester and her weekends teaching at the Stagecoach School in Poole.

She also manages to hold down a part time job at Dorset County Hospital.

Charlotte began dancing at the age of three, and is now accomplished in almost every dance form there is – ballroom, Latin, ballet, tap, jazz, disco, modern, contemporary, rock 'n' roll and belly dancing.

However, she now has her sights fixed firmly on putting together the county town's first dedicated cheerleading squad.

Although she was 18 before she picked up her first pom-pom, when she became part of the cheerleading squad Chichester Cheetahs while at university, she is determined to pass her talents in this particular dance form to children of all ages.

"Cheerleading requires you to be dedicated and highly disciplined," she said.

"Although it is a great deal of fun, it requires a lot of hard work and commitment. I would like to think we could become skilled enough to enter several competitions a year. However, this involves a certain amount of expense. We need to buy patriotic red, white and blue costumes as well as cover the cost of competition entry.

"It would be great if there is a company out there who would be interested in sponsoring the squad."

She is also on the lookout for anyone with gymnastic experience who could help out with some



■ CHARLOTTE raises a glass to future success with the Dorchester Distinction cheer leaders

by Anita Harries

of the routines.

Charlotte has already named her squad Dorchester Distinction, and is keen to emphasise that cheerleaders are not dancers, but athletes, requiring a combination of sport and dance.

She plans to take them to sporting venues, shows, fetes and other events in the area, and would dearly love to take her team to the highest level nationally.

If anyone is interested in shaking their pom-poms, learning a new

dance form and having a great deal of fun, the try-out sessions will be held at the YMCA in Sawmills Lane, Dorchester on Sunday, February 7th. Try-outs will take place between 2pm and 4pm. This is for the 11 – 15-year-old age group, at a cost of £6.

You need to wear suitable clothing and bring a cold drink.

Sunday, February 14th from 1pm – 2pm will be for those aged between eight and 12, and will be more laid back.

The "Poms" will be a fun squad for those who want a more relaxed introduction to cheerleading, and the cost for this session is £3.

Charlotte has the drive and determination to make this venture a success.

With experience in both teaching and performing, the only way for her is up.

Anyone interested in helping Charlotte, or would like more information, can contacted her on 07971 373533.

Film night at the museum

TRANSITION Town Dorchester will be holding a "McFilm Night" on Tuesday, 9th February, with a screening of the documentary "McLibel" in the Dorset County Museum.

This tells the story of two extraordinary people – gardener Helen Steel and postman Dave Morris – who humiliated McDonalds in what was undoubtedly the biggest corporate public relations disaster in history.

Directed by Franny Armstrong and Ken Loach, it was described by The Guardian as "absolutely unmissable." Variety magazine called it "alarming but ultimately inspiring", while The Times added "freedom of speech rarely tasted so satisfying."

This will be an evening well worth attending.

The doors will open at 7pm with the film starting at 7.30pm.

This will be followed by an

open discussion, cups of tea and glasses of wine will be available, and the event is expected to end at 10.00pm.

Entrance is by £3 donation to cover costs, Transition Town Dorchester being a not-for-profit organisation.

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Tree twinning for Greenpeace

DORCHESTER and Weymouth Greenpeace will plant an apple tree in the county town.

The ceremony will take place along the Riverside Walk, in front of the allotments, with the kind permission of the town council.

There will be a few words from members of Greenpeace and some local councillors, along with slices of Dorset apple cake, and apple juice or cider.

This, however, is not just any old apple tree.

This apple tree will be twinned with the one at Heathrow on the site of the proposed third runway.

This runway will make the airport the single largest emitter of CO2 in the country.

You may then ask, why an apple tree? There is a plot of land, "Airplot", in the middle of the site of the proposed runway which has been bought by celebrities, Emma Thompson, Alistair MacGowan, Zac Goldsmith and Greenpeace.

60,000 people have signed up to become beneficial owners of the plot to signify their support for the campaign.

MP Oliver Letwin, is numbered among them.

This site includes the birth place of the Cox's



■ DORCHESTER Town Crier Alistair Chisholm weighs up the apple against the plane at the spot where the tree will be planted

By Anita Harries

Orange Pippin, and building this runway will destroy this historic site, the entire village of Sipson.

An apple orchard has been planted on this site in a collaborative project between Greenpeace, the

Woodland Trust, the RSPB and the WWF. Some well-known individuals, including Nick Clegg and Richard Briers, began the planting, and the Riverside Tree will be twinned with one of these to demonstrate the commitment by Dorchester and Weymouth Greenpeace to policies combating climate change.

The short ceremony will take place on Saturday, February 6th at 2pm.



Rotary helps heroes

■ AS a result of the Dorchester Christmas Sleigh collection, Di Emmins, who represents the charity Help for Heroes, was presented with a cheque for £1,000 by the Rotary Club of Dorchester President Richard Lock.

In thanking the club Mrs Emmins told of how the charity was formed only three years ago by a couple who discovered that injured servicemen had very little support once they left hospital.

As a result, Help for Heroes has grown immensely and is now building much needed support centres in the main garrison towns in UK.

Pictured from left is Don Ireland, Di Emmins (representing Help for Heroes) and Rotary Club of Dorchester President Richard Lock.

Shelter Boxes arrive in Port-au-Prince

THE Rotary Club of Dorchester have reported that the first Shelter Boxes have arrived in Haitian capital Port au Prince following the devastating earthquake. Hundreds more are due to arrive and thousands are being packed and shipped from the UK.

The first 200 boxes were received by Dr Claude Surena, Rotary Haiti Disaster Chair, who is working with the local Red Cross to arrange distribution to those most in need.

Twelve of these boxes will be used to build an emergency field hospital at the airport.

"We are helping build a field hospital with these tents at the airport," said a member of the UK response team. "These are desperate conditions, amputations are happening every half hour. There's an urgent need for tents at hospitals and this is our first priority."

The Rotary Clubs of Dorchester and Casterbridge wish to thank everyone who has helped raise the current total to £8,400 and send their congratulations and thanks to the pupils of Thomas Hardy School who raised £301 by holding a bucket collection.



■ SHELTER Box volunteers arrive with boxes in Port-au-prince

Bowel cancer awareness

THIS week saw the start of Be Loud Be Clear week – an annual campaign to raise awareness of bowel cancer.

If caught in the early stages bowel cancer can be cured, so it is important to recognise the symptoms and take part in the NHS screening programme when invited.

The programme offers everyone aged between 60 and 69 a free home test every two years. The kits are sent out for completion then posted back to a laboratory for analysis. If the test is positive, you and your GP will be notified of the result and you will be asked to undertake a further investigation.

During spring 2010, staff from Dorset Cancer Network will embark on a trek through Nepal to raise funds for Beating Bowel Cancer whilst raising awareness of the disease.

The ten day adventure will see Network Lead Manager Rachael Rowe, Administrator Gilly Urbye and Service Improvement Facilitator Jan Lawry take in mountainside villages, rhododendron forests and the high peaks of the Annapurna range. For more details of the trek, visit www.beatingbowelcancer.org.

Half term fun

CHILDREN are being invited to celebrate Chinese New Year this half term at the Dorchester Arts Centre.

To welcome the year of the tiger, children are invited to attend workshops throughout half term. Various events will take place each day from Monday, February 15th to Friday, February 19th.

Activities include Chinese animation, lion and ribbon dancing and re-enacting stories.

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DORSET Police remains the best for dealing with local people's concerns out of the 43 forces in England and Wales.

The accolade comes from the independent British Crime Survey backed up by facts and figures from the Home Office.

Statistics show that total crime in Dorset is down for the period October 2008 - September 2009 compared with the same period in 2008 including offences involving sex, violence, robbery criminal damage and drugs.

Robbery fell by 9.9 per cent, criminal damage fell 5.8 per cent, violence against the person without injury by 9.3 per cent and violence against the person by 5.2 per cent while drug offences were down 5.1 per cent.

The latest performance figures from Dorset Police comparing April to December 2009 with the same period during 2008 show a 20 per cent drop in robbery, a 17.8 per cent fall in most serious violent crime and a 2.8 per cent fall in total recorded crime.

There was also an 8.5 per cent drop in criminal damage, a 3.5 per cent fall in vehicle crime and a three per cent drop in total violent crime. According to the British Crime Survey which covers the year to September 2009, 63.8 per cent of people think Dorset Police deals with local concerns, making Dorset the best performing force in England and Wales for that issue.

Dorset's most similar forces - as defined by the Government's Home Office - are Hampshire, Sussex, Surrey and Thames Valley.

Dorset Police Assistant Chief Constable, Mike Glanville, said: "We are very satisfied with the lat-

est set of performance figures. "Dorset continues to be one of the safest places in the country to

live and public confidence in our service remains very high when compared to other forces."

Public consultation asks whether we should have the right to 'die at home'

PEOPLE are being asked for their views on whether they want extra rights, including the right to choose to die at home, added to the NHS constitution.

The document published a year ago described the values and principals of the NHS and set out a series of commitments it should live up to along with the rights of its patients.

A public consultation launched last November asked if further rights should be added in the future.

This included the right to choose to die at home, the right to access to NHS dentistry, the right to personal health budgets, the right to choose a GP practice offering extended access to evening and weekend appointments and the right to

key diagnostic tests for suspected cancer patients within one week of seeing a GP with an interim milestone of two weeks.

New proposals mean that everyone aged 40 to 74 will have the right to have an NHS Health Check every five years to assess their risk of diabetes, heart disease and stroke.

Patients will also have legal rights to maximum waiting times for elective

procedures and urgent cancer referrals.

If the NHS is unable to provide care quickly enough it will have to take all reasonable steps to provide alternatives.

The views of Weymouth and Portland residents are being sought as part of a national drive for views, the deadline for local people being February 5th.

NHS Dorset chairman Jacqueline Swift said:

"NHS Dorset is already committed to the existing rights and pledges detailed in the NHS Constitution and welcomes opinions and feedback from people across the county on the new proposals."

More information and links to the consultation feedback can be found at the NHS Dorset website www.dorset.nhs.uk or via email NHSConstitution@dh.gsi.gov.uk.



Christmas drink-drive figures down

DORSET Police have praised Christmas drivers after figures revealed a 23 per cent cut in the number arrested for giving positive, refused or failed to provide tests.

Officers detained 103 motorists during the county campaign from December 1st, 2009, until January 1st, 2010 which was well down on the 134 drivers arrested in the same period in 2008.

More than 1,300 breath tests were conducted on drivers in Dorset during

the campaign.

Throughout the initiative there were increased traffic patrols, as well as road-side checks, and drivers involved in collisions during December were breath tested irrespective of whether they were suspected of having consumed alcohol.

Chief Inspector Bob Nichols of Dorset Police specialist operations said: "I am pleased to see a continuing reduction in the number of arrests compared to last year when 134 drivers were

arrested, particularly as a similar number of tests were undertaken.

"However, this still represents a very real danger on the roads and I would urge the public to continue to report any concerns they may have regarding drink drivers to the police."

Of the 103 arrests all but 15 were males, with fractionally less than half being under 30 years of age. The youngest to be detained was 17 and the oldest 79."

Chief Inspector Nichols

added: "I am particularly concerned at the number of younger drivers who continue to risk lives by drinking and driving."

"Dorset has seen a consistent fall in the number of drivers arrested over the Christmas period from 204 in 2006, 173 in 2007 and 134 in 2008, but will continue to focus on the hardcore of drivers who continue to defy the law and common sense and put their own and others lives at risk."



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Martin's sitting spiritually

"It's like swimming, you might need it one day," was the advice Martin Young's father gave him whilst he contemplated a carpentry apprenticeship back in 1963.

Martin had wanted to pursue his love of drama but a quick talking to from a careers advisor, seconded by his father, soon changed those plans.

"Its quite funny because I wasn't that good at woodwork at school but I was very good at drama ironically," Martin recalled.

"I went to a school where it was made clear to you from the first year that you would go on and do an apprenticeship. You are sort of conditioned into that work ethic right through the four years of secondary school."

Martin heeded the advice of his father but after completing his five-year apprenticeship he left carpentry behind and went onto pursue a career in sales.

Staying in the construc-

AFTER being diagnosed with a life changing illness, MARTIN YOUNG from Uplyme, had to change not only his lifestyle but his career too. Fortunately this lead him to forming a successful business making garden seats, which have become hugely popular. Here he tells his story to View reporter TOM GLOVER.

tion industry Martin negotiated contracts for builders merchants, spending many years at Bradford's before finishing his career with the Ready Mixed Concrete Group.

Having climbed the ranks for over 30 years Martin found himself in a national role which saw him travelling the country, covering 40,000 miles a year and spending half his week in hotel rooms.

However, a life changing diagnosis in 2004 caused him to re-evaluate his lifestyle and it was to mark the start for his business Sitting Spiritually.

Martin was diagnosed with a condition called "Syndrome X", a combination of obesity, type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol.

"A real recipe for a early heart condition," said Martin.

He finished work and began to concentrate on his gardening, which had become his passion after moving to Uplyme in 1998.

The therapeutic and active hobby proved to be the perfect tonic for Martin's condition. He perfected his garden with the help of local Landscape Architect Ed Brooks and decided to apply to the National Garden Scheme.

He was disappointed to have his garden refused – the problem being a lack of seating.

Martin had always harboured a hankering for a swing seat, stemming from memories of American films, so decided that he would try to add one to his garden.

"I found hundreds of

swing seats but they were hideous. They didn't meet my expectations at all," he said.

"I sent for some plans from America and I made my first seat which still sits in my garden today and that was the start of the whole thing really. Sitting Spiritually was born."

Martin's new lifestyle was the inspiration for his company's name.

"The name fitted nicely with what I was trying to do with my life," he said. "I had become interested in meditation and Feng Shui as part of my new lifestyle. We bought the domain name and launched the website in 2004 and maybe half a dozen people bought swing seats and then it started."

With sales increasing year on year Martin applied to the Chelsea Flower Show. Having had no response he resigned himself to missing out on the show until one day, a month before the show, he was phoned out of the blue and asked to fill a spot left by a cancellation.

He said: "They said we know all about you and we have looked at your website so would you like to come and exhibit."

"Because they had a cancellation they approached me in a much shorter time frame because you are normally told in January and you have five months of planning but we had about three weeks."

Martin made his first trip to Chelsea in 2008 and admits that this was the turning point that saw his business go national.

He said: "Numbers grew and then I started to involve quite a few local business to help me because I couldn't do it all myself."

"A chap called Nick Shannon, who is a furniture maker, helped me out, Ed Brooks from Wootton Fitzpaine started to help me make the frames, I started buying my timber from Guy Ewert who runs Eype Down Sawmill; Absolute Industrial in Axminster supply me with my stainless steel, Matt Harvey from Bridport welds all the chains and Siobhan Lancaster from Hawkechurch is my PA."

"I have started to build quite a network of local people so as the business has grown the money has been kept circulating in East Devon and West Dorset."

The business has grown ever since and a turn of



good fortune in May 2009 gave Martin better exposure than he had ever imagined.

He said: "There was a big national article about us in the Daily Telegraph on Saturday, May 16th which was the big selling edition when the MP's expenses scandal broke. That was the Saturday before the flower show in 2009. We had a phenomenal Chelsea flower show in 2009 and we have been developing ever since."

Martin may have been advised against his acting aspirations but he still gets his fair share of attention. He admits he likes the attention he receives on the celebs day at Chelsea and he did get his big TV debut when his garden featured on a television program hosted by BBC Gardener's World presenter Carol Klein.

The lack of quality Martin found that day he went in search for a swing seat was what gave him the idea for his business. This is not something he has let slip since either. Quality, sustainable garden furniture is still Martin's key focus and what sets him apart from the rest.

Martin's life changing visit to the doctors in

2004 gave him the confidence to push on with long harboured ambitions. It may have taken over 30 years for his father's words of advice to come to fruition but it is not something he regrets.

"When I was diagnosed it gave me the confidence to try these things," he said.

"I had to change my diet, I had to lose weight and I had to do a lot of things and it all sort of fitted. Instead of driving up and down motorways I am in a workshop, I'm working physically in the garden."

"I just think it came at the right time I really do. I wouldn't have had the passion I have for it now perhaps 20 or 30 years ago. I was very happy doing what I was doing but it was the logistics involved with the travel that was affecting my health. I absolutely loved doing it so I think it came at just the right time."

Martin is approaching retirement age now but his work is his passion and it's not something he intends to give up in the near future.

"I have every intention of carrying this business on as long as I physically can," he said.

"I have no dreams of retirement or things like that. When Sunday evenings came along I used to think here we go, tomorrow morning I've got to drive here and do that. Now weekends, weekdays and bank holidays all sort of merge into one. I don't see it as a chore at all, I find it very exhilarating."

Inevitably Martin will have to put down his chisel and hang up his hammer but he doesn't see this as the end for Sitting Spiritually.

He said: "The future is to develop to a point where somebody. I don't know who that might be, within the family carries on the tradition."

"My main designer is my daughter Lucy. She is always coming up with ideas and is quite interested, I have son Gary who helps when things get really busy. It might be my grandson Scott, he is quite interested. Scott comes into the workshop and certain little jobs he likes doing like knocking all the plugs in."

"I don't know who it will be, we are all really involved in it."

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■ Gerald Duke Solicitors

Stephen Peck is a local and much respected solicitor who was educated at Hardyes School, and who has lived in and around Dorchester for the past forty years. He has many years' experience in dealing with matters of Probate, Wills, Trusts, Inheritance tax planning, and Elderly client care. He joined GERALD DUKE solicitors in 2009 and is looking forward to helping build the firm and the challenges associated with it. Stephen also assists actively in raising monies for children's charities in which he has a special interest. He is also a keen musician and enjoys singing in the choir at Holy Trinity Church, Dorchester. He is married with five children.

Gerald Duke is a solicitor who was born in Dorchester. He started his working life with Henry Duke &



Sons, originally training as an Auctioneer and Surveyor before devoting more time to farming, and then to the legal profession. Gerald is Principal of GERALD DUKE solicitors, a firm which very much enjoys serving the community, and giving a more personal service to all their clients, whether it be Conveyancing, Wills and Probate, Personal Injury or Family Matters. He chairs and serves on many local voluntary, church and business organisations.

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The Trustees and Staff would like to thank the Bridport Round Table and the Bridport Lions for their donations towards the Christmas festivities and also to the many local businesses that donated raffle prizes. They would also like to thank Bill at the Orange Phone shop for donating and setting up a new mobile phone, which replaced our antique one.

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▲ Gerald Duke (right) pictured here with solicitor Stephen Peck (left) who joined the firm in 2009.

■ Clarondene

Stockpiling for bad weather?



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We watched on the TV as people panicked into stockpiling food and necessities "just in case" and we told them loudly how foolish they were being.

However, I had to ensure that as well as being warm, all of us would have food no matter what the weather threw at us. Our butcher & greengrocer, the wonderful Complete Meats of Axminster and Chalmers of Wells, were both still managing to deliver within 24 hours of ordering, bringing with them tales of skidding lorries and diggers to clear the road to their depots and transferring of loads when vans got stuck. I was still concerned, as our family is a large one, and I didn't want to have to face our devoted cook, Jacqui, to explain why she didn't have any ingredients to cook with due to bad weather.

So, we had a meeting and decided we would worry only about milk and bread - invoking 'World War 2 spirit' to cope with any other shortage. We bought in

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Alison
Alison Curtis - Resident Proprietor

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Derek is a chef and prepares most of the food which he tries to source from local farms and producers in the country. All of the cakes and scones are baked fresh every morning, and they serve good, hearty breakfasts from 7.30am to 10.00am.

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IT is interesting to hear how people make the choice of who comes to value their home. Most of the valuations we carry out at Gordon and Rumsby are through recommendation.

So, do you ask your friends and neighbours or look through the property section of your local newspaper? Do you look for "Sold/ForSale" boards in your area? Or perhaps, take a wander along your High Street and pop in to an office or two? Does the label "Internet Agent" make you think that the service you get would be greatly reduced? If so, then think again and please read on...

These days, the majority of buyers come through the internet and every estate agent has to subscribe to a number of different property portals if they want to sell houses, so in that respect, we are all internet agents. At Gordon and Rumsby, not only do we offer exceptional service including accompanied viewings, floorplans, glossy brochures, local newspaper advertising as well as internet advertising but we take great pride in what we do and the details that we produce for your home. We also try to keep up to date with industry changes and carefully choose the property portals that we think are the best to sell your home. There are so many now that it is difficult for buyers to know which to use.

Rightmove was the forerunner and due to many years of successful TV advertising is still popular. However, things are changing with so many other por-

als in competition for that number one spot and several agents in the area are no longer subscribing to Rightmove. This means that there is no longer a single portal that has ALL the local properties listed.

A few portals that have been launched in recent years may be worth adding to your list and the estate agency press tells me that another is soon to be launched.

Two more recent portals that you may not know about are www.propertylive.co.uk and www.radarhomes.co.uk

Property live was launched by the National Association of Estate Agents for use by its members. Any local agent worth their salt should be a member of this national body and their properties will all be listed on this site. Radarhomes is more recent and is just getting off the ground. Currently it is a south west specialist but it is fast moving through the rest of the country and this month began a programme of television advertising on ITV1. Many local agents have become part of Radarhomes, so there is a good chance your dream home might appear on this site very soon (if not already).

The likes of Primelocation.com and Findaproperty.co.uk along with Propertyfinder.com are also some of the top portals to keep an eye on.

A word of caution about SOLD prices. It is easy these days to find out what a property last sold for and with the fall in the market in recent years, many of us use the sold price as a guide to what a property is

worth now. However, there is crucial information missing that might have an impact on current values, which should be considered: What condition was the property in when it last sold? What were the circumstances of the sale? If a property needed renovating or even minor improvements, the value could have changed by anything from £1,000-£50,000 or even more. If the property had to be sold due to death or financial problems, it may have been a bargain due to the need to sell quickly.

At Gordon and Rumsby, we give careful consideration to value before marketing a property to give the most accurate valuation possible and the above points

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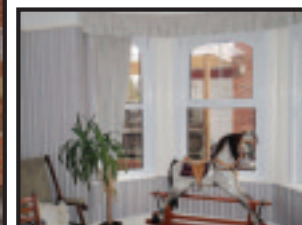
The property benefits from a driveway leading to a double garage with off road parking for several vehicles, and a large rear garden. The house has three well proportioned reception rooms a kitchen/dining room and five bedrooms. Understood to have been originally built for the Pope family, owners of the brewery.

This generous detached house has brick cavity walls under a slate roof. In addition the property has a summer house and a shed attached to the rear of the double garage used by the present owners for bicycles.

In all an ideal family home with plenty of space for everyone.

The accommodation with gas fired central heating and sealed unit double glazed windows is as follows: inner lobby, hallway, drawing room, sitting room, study/music room, breakfast room, cloakroom, kitchen with a range of base and wall units, Bedroom 1 with a bay window overlooking front aspect, first floor landing, en-suite bathroom, bedroom 2, 3, 4 and 5 and bathroom.

Outside the property has a tiled pedestrian path leading to the front door which has stone pillars supporting the outer porch. The drive continues along the back of the house providing turning and a parking area and continues as a double driveway down to the brick built garage. This double garage, with tiled roof, benefits from an inspection pit. The garden is laid mainly to lawn with wide borders used mainly for growing vegetable and herbs at the back. There is a mature Wisteria at the front of the house and flowers in the garden at the front of the house.



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Area - Three Bedrooms - Rear Garden
Off-Road Parking
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WELL PRESENTED FIRST FLOOR FLAT
Sitting Room - Kitchen - Two Bedrooms
Bathroom - Balcony - Parking - Garden - UF
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BEAMINSTER £285 000

REFURBISHED DETACHED BUNGALOW
Large Sitting Room - New Kitchen and
Bathroom - Three Bedrooms - Parking - Garage
Garden - No Onward Chain
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SPACIOUS DETACHED HOUSE
Sitting Room - Kitchen/Dining with Aga
Cloakroom - Four Double Bedrooms - En-Suite
Double Garage - Gardens
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COTTAGE IN PRETTY VILLAGE
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Sitting Room with Dining Area - Two Double
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Garage with Workshop Area
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NEW LET

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RURAL MID TERRACE COTTAGE
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Garden - Garage & Parking
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POUNDBURY £365 000

FAMILY HOUSE WITH FOUR DOUBLE BEDS

Kitchen/Dining Room - Sitting Room - En-Suite
Double Garage - Garden
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THREE BEDS FLAT WITH GARAGE

Two Reception Rooms - Kitchen - En-Suite
Workshop - Stunning Views - Lift
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POUNDBURY £275 000

DETACHED HOUSE IN POUNDBURY VILLAGE

Kitchen/Dining Room - Sitting Room
Two Bedrooms - Patio Garden
Integrated Double Garage
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POUNDBURY £395 000

FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS & STUDY

Kitchen/Breakfast Room - Two Receptions
En-Suite - Garden - Garage & Parking
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POUNDBURY £315 000

DETACHED FOUR BED HOUSE IN POUNDBURY VILLAGE

Kitchen/Dining Room - Sitting Room
En-Suite - Bathroom - Garden - Garage
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POUNDBURY £235 000

TWO BED AND STUDY END OF TERRACE

Kitchen/Breakfast - Two Recs - En-Suites
Garden - Garage - No Forward Chain
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DORCHESTER £205 000

CLOSE CARE APARTMENT IN TOWN CENTRE

Kitchen - Sitting/Dining Room
One Double Bedroom - Bath/Shower Room
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DORCHESTER £180 000

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Two Reception Rooms - Kitchen - Shower Room - Enclosed Garden - No Forward Chain
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Three Receptions - Kitchen with Aga - Utility Five/Six Beds - Bathroom - Garden - Ample Parking - Garage - Outside Storage
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DORCHESTER £342 500

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Garden - Garage
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TO LET

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TO LET

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SUPERB LOCATION ON CRESCENT

Two Receptions - Kitchen/Breakfast
Four Beds - En-Suite - Double Garage
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TO LET

POUNDBURY £1250 PCM

FOUR BEDS & STUDY WITH GARAGE

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Two En-Suites - Bathroom - Garden
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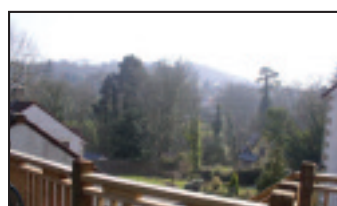
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UPLYME - £675,000



- Entrance Hall
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- Utility • Conservatory
- Master Bedroom
- Three Further Bedrooms
- One With Ensuite
- Two Family Bathrooms
- Swimming Pool
- Gardens
- Summer House

UPLYME - £347,500



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- Set in elevated position
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- Kitchen
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- Living room
- 3 bedrooms
- Family bathroom
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- riverside walk into Lyme Regis

LYME REGIS - £159,950



- Entrance Hallway
- Lounge/dining room
- Kitchen/ breakfast room
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LYME REGIS - £650,000



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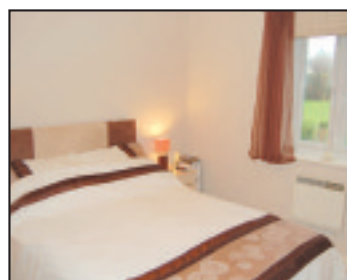
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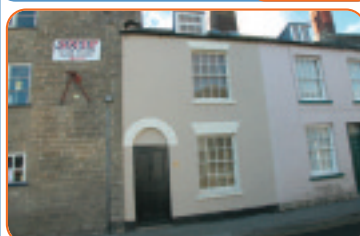
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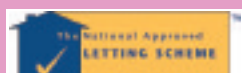


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CHARITY BALL ORGANISERS AIMING HIGH

TWO local women have thrown themselves into hosting a glitzy charity ball for a cause very close to their hearts.

Jess Chapple and Lucy Coombe, who both work in Axminster, are hoping their black tie Winter Theme Ball will be a resounding success raising a hefty cash sum for two cancer charities.

Both girls have lost close family members to the disease and wanted to hold an event to raise funds to help other families.

All profits from the ball, to be held at Uplyme Village Hall on Saturday, February 20th, will go to Force cancer charity and Exeter's Hospiscare.

Jess, 23, who works at Reflections Hair and Beauty Salon, organised a similar event in 2008 which made a whopping £4,500 for Force.

Jess said: "The Pink Ball in 2008 was such a success that I wanted to do something similar again to raise more for the charity and to give people something fun to look forward

to in February.

"It's going to be very posh — black tie — and like a winter wonderland, so it's a great opportunity for people to dress up and have fun as well as raising some cash."

After hosting the previous event with a friend who is now away travelling, Jess roped in Lucy to lend a hand this time around.

Lucy, 23, a legal secretary for Beviss and Beckingsale Solicitors, said: "Jess and I both wanted to organise something fun for a good cause."

"We have both lost relatives to cancer so we both feel very strongly about it. My uncle died of a brain tumour, we were very close. It sounds cheesy but we wanted to make a difference."

The glitzy event will be a ticket-only affair, costing the entrant £20 which will include a glass of bubbly on arrival and a finger buffet.

Entertainment will be provided by popular local band Real World as well as a disco by Simon Flux, who will provide his services free of charge as one of his four annually nominated charities.

Lucy said: "Beviss and Beckingsale is sponsoring the whole event, which means it is shelling out for most of the costs, and the Talbot Arms, of Uplyme, will be catering and running the bar. So many people and businesses have come forward in support."

To add to the fun, there will be a grand draw to in-

clude many prizes from local businesses such as Axminster Carpets, River Cottage, Axminster Power Tools, Reflections Hair and Beauty Salon. There are also tickets to be won to watch Exeter Chiefs Rugby Club and Yeovil Town Football Club among other prizes.

Jess added: "In 2008, the money went towards Force, but this year some of the money will also go to Hospiscare because it's another great charity. I'm hoping that we can match the £4,500 we made last time — and go beyond that if possible."

"It's a great opportunity to dance, have fun and dress up — all for a good cause."

Tickets are selling fast for the event and can only be bought in advance from Reflections Hair and Beauty Salon — 01297 34277, Beviss and Beckingsale Solicitors — 01297 630700 and the Talbot Arms — 01297 443136. Any businesses which would like to donate a prize for the draw can contact the above numbers.



CHARITY ball organisers Jess Chapple and Lucy Coombe

Can you name the faces?

COULD you put names to the question marks on the caption for this photo of children from the Whitchurch, Ryall and Morcombelake district dated 1958? The photo will be part of an exhibition entitled 'Today and Yesterday', at Whitchurch Village hall, near Bridport on Friday 19th, Saturday 20th and Sunday, February 21st, 10 am to 5 pm. Adults admission £2, children free.



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Musical premiere for West Bay melodrama

COMPOSER Rachael Leach has created a dramatic new score to bring to life a silent film made in Bridport in the late 1930s.

Dope Under Thorncombe, a melodrama based around West Bay, was made by local people under the direction of amateur filmmaker Frank Trevett.

His daughter, Vivienne Smith handed the film over to rural media charity Trilith for safekeeping.

Said Trilith's Trevor Bailey: "It was shot on 9.5mm film; the amateur's favourite film choice in the 1930s. It was an amazing project for local people to take on and has been crying out to be given its own special music and to be seen more widely."

The film receives its musical premiere at Bridport Arts Centre on February 11th at 7.30pm.

Mrs Smith, who lives in Bridport, said: "My father bought the cine camera when my brother, Rex Trevett, was born and that was in 1933 for filming the

family. Dad was very keen on his hobbies - he'd throw himself with much enthusiasm into any hobby."

"He liked using his cine camera and thought he'd like to do something different to filming the family."

Thriller writer Andrew Spiller, who lived locally, offered to write the story, which is about dope smuggling under Thorncombe Beacon. Frank Trevett, who was a hairdresser, enlisted his family and friends for the starring roles.

"They did it purely for their own pleasure, their own enjoyment," Mrs Smith said.

"They would be so thrilled to think that it is going to be seen. Dad would be so pleased, they all would be, that it hasn't been lost and forgotten."

West Dorset District Council and the PRS Foundation have funded Trilith to commission the music.

A live performance of the score and film can also be seen at Burton Bradstock on April 24th. A recorded ver-

sion at Eype Centre for the Arts is due to be staged on March 6.

The project has also seen the creation of a website that includes photographs and interviews with local people by journalist Margery Hookings. This will be officially launched later in the year.

Said Trevor Bailey: "The aim is to draw the website's visitors from initial interest in the place or in the arts, to fascination with films and vice versa. In tourism terms, it will promote the idea of coming to see where the film was shot."

Tickets for the live premiere cost £6 and can be obtained from Bridport Arts Centre online at www.bridport-arts.com or by calling the box office on 01308 424204.

Diary Dates

TUESDAY JANUARY 26TH

BEAMINSTER: Illustrated Talk: 'Smuggling Tales & Trails' by speaker Rob Curtis. At Beaminster Museum, Whitcombe Road from 3.30pm. All welcome. Telephone 01308 863577 for more details.

THURSDAY JANUARY 28TH

BEAMINSTER: Talk given by Roger and Julie David: 'Pilgrim route through Europe'. From 7.30pm in the Strode Room, Church Street. Visitors and new members welcome contact Peter Glanville, telephone 01308 452483 for more details.

FRIDAY JANUARY 29TH

LYME REGIS: Presentation by Barry Welch and Judge Competitions. From 7.30pm at the Woodmead Halls. Organised by Lyme Bay Photographic Club. Tel 01297 444733 for more details.

SATURDAY JANUARY 30TH

BRIDPORT: A grand bring and buy, Tahiti appeal. At Bridport United Church Hall, East Street. 10 - 12midday. Telephone 01308 421629 for more details.

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THURSDAY FEBRUARY 4TH

LYME REGIS: Celebrity lunch with playwright Ann Jellicoe from 12noon at the Alexandra Hotel. Telephone 01297 445503 for more details.

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TUESDAY FEBRUARY 9TH

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FEBRUARY 11TH, 12TH & 13TH

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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13TH

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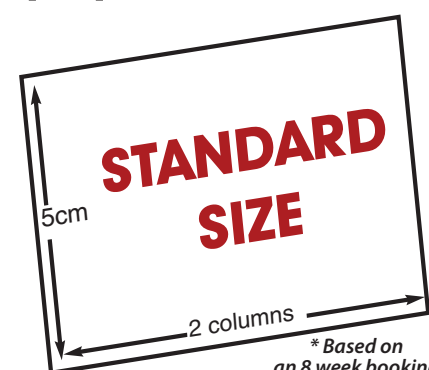


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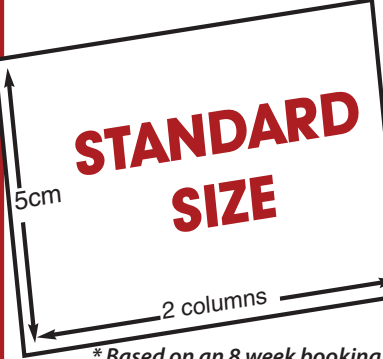
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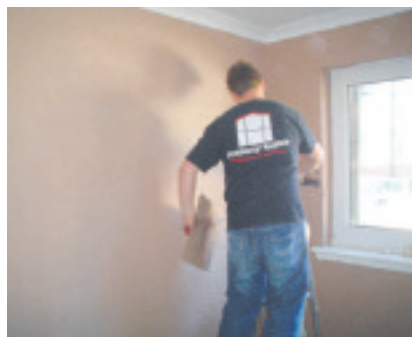


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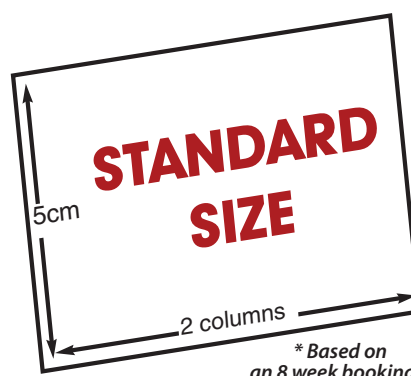
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UNUSUAL body colours, messy interiors, short MOTs, missing paperwork or scratched alloy wheels are just some of the ways drivers are losing hundreds of pounds off the resale value of their cars.

Online used car retailer, Carsite.co.uk, conducted a study into what factors make big impacts on the value of a used car, and has put together some advice to help drivers achieve the best trade-in price for their motoring pride and joy.

One of the biggest mistakes drivers can make when buying a car is the colour. Unusual colours such as yellow, orange or pink are considered much more undesirable than silver, black or grey. On a small to medium car, the wrong shade can make it £200-£500 less appealing to retailers and buyers. A nearly new executive model could be worth up to £1000 less if the colour is expected to deter customers.

Wear and tear also have a major impact on a car's retained value with the quality of the interior often a good reflection on how well a car has been looked after. Badly scratched or tarnished alloy wheels can take £50-100 per alloy off the car's value, whilst cracked or chipped windscreens could shave off another £250-300. Bad dents and scratches can cause a £200-300 drop in value per bumper or panel. Interiors that have been damaged by pets or

children can also wipe hundreds off the resale price. A dog-chewed interior on a car recently sent to auction was the main reason for the vehicle achieving £500 under its book value.

The general cleanliness of a car can also be a good way of achieving a better offer for your car at trade in. Retailers see litter, grime and dust as indicators of a poorly maintained car so a thorough valet could make the difference of £300-400 in a dealer's offer.

Along with colour choice, choosing the right specifications during the buying process can make a significant impact on a car's retained value. Some larger executive models, for example, are more in demand fitted with automatic transmissions with manual versions sometimes achieving £1500 less at resale. A leather trimmed Audi, BMW or Mercedes could also be worth £1000 more than the same model with cloth trim.

An up-to-date service book and vehicle history is also vital to getting your car accepted by a retailer. If the dealer thinks the car might not have been correctly serviced they could refuse to take the car or offer £300-400 less for it. A long MOT certificate is another good way to increase buyer confidence - a car with only a few weeks left on the MOT could be worth £200-300 less to a



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"A well maintained car is the best way to get a good resell valuation and fill your buyer with confidence," explains Alistair Jeff of Carsite.co.uk. "Keeping your car clean with an up-to-date service book and selling with a long MOT are simple, but rewarding steps to achieving this."

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Meanwhile the recently introduced, latest-generation 1.6 TDI CR 105bhp diesel is now also available with 7-speed DSG dual-clutch gearbox, combining smooth, effortless performance with CO2 emissions of just 123g/km. The 1.6 TDI CR 105bhp DSG is available with the same bodystyle and trim combinations as the 1.2 TSI as well as in Elegance guise.

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SOMERSET INTERMEDIATE CUP
ROUND THREE

BOTH Perry Street League teams made it safely through to round four after successful days on the road.

A 65th minute 25-yard screamer from Tim Cox was enough to book Ilminster Colts' place in the last 16 following a 1-0 win at Draycott.

Meanwhile Forton Rangers ended a run of seven away games without a win with a 3-1 victory at Odcombe.

Alan Mansell gave the Rangers a 1-0 half-time advantage and, despite the hosts leveling, the win was sealed by second-half strikes from Steve Baker and Alex Thompson.

The reward for Colts is a home tie with West & Middle Chinnock whilst Rangers will entertain Bridgewater Sports.

CHALLENGE CUP ROUND ONE

BEAMINSTER put Barrington to the sword for the second time this season.

The Rainbows cruised through to the last eight with a 6-1 victory at Shelway Lane. Man-of-the-Match Tristan Gale led the goal parade with the opener. The Yellow hammers equalized soon after through a Craig Steel penalty.

But Beaminster went some way to repeating their 9-0 opening day demolition of their opponents as they surged to a 3-1 interval lead and dominate the second 45 with three more strikes. Gale added second and there was also a double for Murray Legg who scored for the fifth game in a row. The scoring was then rounded off by Andy Southern and Tom Hounsell.

Beaminster will take on Lyme Regis in quarter-final on February 6th.

Struggling Combe Reserves slipped to their fourth straight defeat and lost their grip on the Challenge cup trophy as they crashed out 3-1 at the hands of visiting Merriott Rovers.

Dean Charles gave the Rovers a third minute lead but Combe hit back straight away through Mark Redwood. That's how it stayed until Barry Hayne netted two minutes before the interval and the Rovers win was confirmed by an 87th minute goal from Gavin Charles as they ended a miserable run of seven away defeats.

Top performer for Merriott in an even match was goalkeeper Dale Wood.

TOMMY TABBERER
CUP ROUND ONE

BEAMINSTER Reserves marked the official opening of the club's new clubhouse in fine style as they matched their first team's goal haul with a 6-4 win over Uplyme.

Dan Pyett struck twice to put the hosts in the driving seat but battling Uplyme reduced the arrears through Gavin Fowler. Daryl Read restored the two-goal cushion before 16-year-old Jack Borgeat made it 3-2. Lee Gillard was next on the Rainbows score sheet but back came the visitors again with Fowler

netting his fifth of the campaign and Adam Neale finally restoring parity.

However, the hosts weren't finished and Ross Pickett struck the goal of the game - a 25-yard scorcher into the top corner after a surging run from the halfway line.

The quarter-final place was then sealed when a Joe Hawkins cross drifted inside the far post.

TOMMY TABBERER CUP
QUARTER-FINAL

TWO goals from top-scorer Sam Murley took his tally to 14 for the season and helped carry Shepton Beauchamp through to the semi-finals after a 4-2 win over Hinton at Brimgrove Lane.

Kris Hastings moved into double figures for the season with a first-half penalty and Sam Hawkins completed the Shepton scoring. Stacey Hawes and Neil Hawkins bagged the visitors consolations.

JACK VENN CUP QUARTER FINAL

A HAT-TRICK from Forton Reserves' John Smith laid the foundation for an impressive 6-2 win over visiting Dowlish & Donyatt.

Lee Richardson, Barry Male and Lee Goodland made up the Rangers half-dozen. Earlier Dowlish had battled back to 2-2 though Chris Lang's eighth of the season and Darren Dabinett.

New Drimpton manager Lee Drayton had a tough start as he saw his side hammered 8-1 at South Petherton Reserves.

Marc Quinton scored the Greens' consolation to make the score 4-1 early in the second-half but stand-in keeper Scott Fowler earned Drayton's praise as top performer.

Ashley Smith (2), Aaron Rodgers, Andy Moody, Dave Batstone, Andy Farrell and Mike Gillyat were amongst the Pethy marksmen.

BILL BAILEY CUP ROUND ONE

IN East Devon Crewkerne Reserves provided one of the day's surprises as they came from behind to beat Hawkchurch 3-1.

The Hawks looked well-set for a quarter-final berth as Tim Hussey netted his 21st goal of the season. But the Tigers had other ideas and goals from Aaron Hodges, Mark Lawrence and Toby Symes decided the game.

Hawkchurch manager Nigel Harding, who saw his side slip to their third defeat in four matches, felt his side paid the penalty for squandering a hatful of chances but picked out midfielder Steve Real as his star man.

QUARTER-FINAL

FIVEHEAD United's chances of getting their name on the Bill Bailey cup for the first time increased when they were awarded free passage into the semi-finals after White Horse Reserves failed to raise a team.

CREWKERNE CHARITY CUP

BEAMINSTER lined-up a quarter-final date with South Petherton after a 4-2 win over Crewkerne

Town at Henhayes on Sunday.

All the goals came in the first-half with Muarry Legg scoring two equalisers after Crewkerne had edged ahead twice.

Dan Pyett put the Rainbows noses ahead for the first time and Steve McNiven clinched the win with the fourth.

PREMIER DIVISION

LYME Regis continued their fine form with a 2-1 triumph over Crewkerne Town at Henhayes. It was as close as the score line suggests and Crewkerne look set for a much better second-half to the season after struggling for much of the first.

Lyme took the lead in the 31st minute when substitute Julien Simier, on for the unwell Rob Thomson, slotted home from 15-yards with his second touch of the match.

Both teams struggled to come to terms with the heavy surface and the game had little flow but the Tigers hauled themselves level in the 51st minute when Tim Hooker lashed the ball past Ashley Caddy after the Seaside's failed to clear their lines after a free-kick.

But Lyme scored again 15 minutes later when Dave Robinson's inswinging corner was punched into his own net by home keeper Simon Parsons.

Crewkerne seemed certain to level again soon after when skipper Jamie Spurdle rounded Caddy but saw his goal-bound shot superbly headed off the line by the Seaside's Man-of-the-Match Malcolm Darby.

Off the field Lyme manager Robin Townsend has confirmed to the View from that, despite reports to the contrary, he is still hopeful of capturing Bridport's Jason Forbes.

Townsend is aware that with the loss of the unavailable Matt Laing he has a shortage of defensive cover for the second-half of the season and may also opt to put in notice of approach to Merriott Rovers for their pick-of-the League centre-back Aaron Sheard.

Ilminster Town Reserves were understandably rusty as they trotted out for their first game since November 28th. Opponents Perry Street seized the early initiative when winger Ben Stevens opened the scoring.

Blues' Steve Jarvis marked his return from injury with the equaliser before the break.

Stevens bagged his ninth of the season after the restart but Paul Retter made sure the points were shared.

Ilminster boss Jamie Lee felt his side should have won the game and rued the woodwork coming to the Mothers' aid twice late-on.

Premier

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South Petherton	8	7	0	1	41	6	21
Lyme Regis	8	7	0	1	24	10	21
Barrington	9	5	2	2	21	17	17
Ilminster Reserves	10	4	2	4	25	18	14
Perry Street	10	4	2	4	23	35	14
Combe Reserves	9	4	1	4	21	21	13
Misterton	9	3	3	3	17	20	12

Merriott Rovers	.....7	3	0	4	18	23	9
Crewkerne Town	.....12	3	0	9	26	37	9
White Horse	.....7	1	0	6	10	21	3
Charmouth	.....10	0	0	10	13	63	0

DIVISION ONE

CHARD Rangers moved up to fifth in the table after goals from Josh Rolfe, Dave Ashton and Lee Seymour gave them a 3-2 win at bottom-of-the-table Perry Street Reserves for whom Kev Rowson scored twice.

Division One	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Merriott Reserves	.....7	6	0	1	19	10	18
W&M Chinnock	.....6	5	1	0	30	13	16
Farway United	.....8	4	3	1	17	10	15
Forton Rangers	.....6	4	1	1	12	8	13
Chard Rangers	.....9	3	1	5	17	30	10
Netherbury	.....5	2	3	0	15	9	9
Ilminster Colts	.....6	2	3	1	16	15	9
Winsham	.....8	2	2	4	17	19	8
Thorncombe	.....8	2	1	5	17	7	7
Lyme Reserves	.....6	1	1	4	12	22	4
Pymore	.....5	0	2	3	6	14	2
Perry St Reserves	.....8	0	2	6	16	27	2

Division Two	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Millwey Rise	.....10	9	1	0	30	13	28
Norton Athletic	.....9	7	0	2	35	17	21
Dowlish & Donyatt	.....10	4	1	5	30	32	13
Beaminster Res	.....7	4	0	3	14	15	12
Hinton	.....10	3	2	5	25	22	11
Shepton Beauchamp	.....6	3	1	2	16	7	10
Forton Reserves	.....8	2	3	3	12	16	9
South Petherton Res	.....8	2	2	4	19	19	8
Drimpton	.....8	2	1	5	18	27	7
Chard United	.....7	2	0	5	12	30	6
Uplyme	.....7	1	1	5	10	23	4

DIVISION THREE

A SIX goal hammering by Millwey Rise Reserves means Chard Rangers Reserves have now leaked 33 goals in their last five matches.

Rise shared the goals around with Mark Pike, Peter Hoare, Keith Forsey, Danny Larcombe, Garry Venn and new-signing Saikon Samateh finding the net.

Millwey manager Stuart Ellis, who was forced to select himself between the sticks, picked out midfielder Forsey as his top performer.

Misterton Reserves' impressive seven game unbeaten run has taken them to within one point of long-time leaders Hawkchurch. The latest addition was a hard fought 3-2 win over plucky Shepton Beauchamp Reserves at Unity Lane.

Will Aplin put Shepton ahead early on but midfielder Will Brookes struck from Missy to send the teams in for the half-time tea all-square.

In-form Dean Hyet then netted for the sixth game in succession and substitute Jerry Hill put the hosts in the clear and Aplin's second counted for little.

Misterton player-manager Shane Westlake felt his side were more than a little fortunate to escape with all three points.

Luso-Chard are currently suspended from playing by the Somerset FA due to unpaid outstanding fines.

Division Three	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hawkchurch	.....10	8	0	2	41	24	24
Misterton Reserves	.....11	7	2	2	34	23	23
Crewkerne Rangers	.....8	6	0	2	36	12	18



ASSIST: Dave Robinson's corner produced Lyme's crucial winner.



GREEN ARMY: Lee Drayton is the new man at the Drimpton helm



GOAL: Lee Gillard had one of Beaminster's 16 weekend goals

Millwey Rise Res	.....11	5	0	6	27	26	15
Fivehead Utd	.....8	4	2	2	18	17	14
Combe A	.....8	3	1	4	14	18	10
White Horse Res	.....7	3	1	3	14	18	10
Lyme Bantams	.....9	4	0	5	26	21	9
Crewkerne Res	.....6	3	0	3	17	16	9
Luso-Chard	.....7	3	0	4	20	20	9
Shepton Reserves	.....10	3	0	7	23	38	9
Chard Rangers Res	.....11	1	0	10	11	48	3

* = points deducted

DIVISION FOUR

WAYTOWN Hounds quest for a debut season promotion is still on track after a 6-2 win over visiting Hawkchurch Reserves.

Goals from top-scorer Matt Read, Tom Rutland and Garry Correy meant the Hounds returned to their kennel in complete control at half-time.

Sixteen-year old Jake Bearpark gave the Hawks some hope soon after the restart but when Mike Ackerman smashed home a 30-yard free-kick into the top corner the game was over. Mike Whitbread made it 5-1 and Ackerman struck again before a Gary Mansfield foul allowed Stuart Weir to slot home a late penalty for his 10th goal of the season.

There were two other high scoring affairs in Division Four. Chard United Reserves and Combe B shared 10 goals and the points at Jocelyn Park.

Ricky Anderson (2), Stefan Coombes, Ben Mears and Kristian Rockett (pen) scored for United with Neil Wilmington (2), Dan O'Connor, Rory Hellier and new signing Matt Farley replying in a bad-tempered game.

Meanwhile up the road at Hinton the Saints second-string were on the wrong end of a 9-2 score line as Barrington Reserves went goal crazy.

Kyle Oliver led the way with four with Jamie Park helping himself to a hat-trick and Paul Lewis and Steve Reekes chipping in with singles. Dan Coles and John Caves scored the Hinton consolations.

Thorncombe Reserves and Ilminster A drew 3-3 at Horseshoe Lane. Craig Tovey, James Johnson and Dan Winter were on target for the Thorns who welcomed back John Allan after a long lay-off. Adam Cox (2) and John Brister replied for the Blues.

Division Four	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Winsham Reserves	.....11	7	3	1	43	27	24
Waytown Hounds	.....9	6	0	3	42	22	18
Farway Reserves	.....8	5	3	0	26	12	18
Ilminster Town A	.....8	5	2	1	25	17	15
Hinton Reserves	.....11	4	3	4	25	32	15
Chard Utd Reserves	.....9	4	2	3	27	23	14
Barrington Res	.....8	4	1	3	29	21	13
Combe B	.....12	3	1	8	42	41	10
Thorncombe Res	.....9	2	2	5	18	28	8
Hawkchurch Res	.....10	1	2	7	17	35	5
Charmouth Res	.....9	1	1	7	9	47	3

* = point deducted

RESULTS: Saturday, January 23rd

Somerset Intermediate Cup

Round Three

Draycott 0 Ilminster Town Colts 1
Odcombe 1 Forton Rangers 3

Challenge Cup Round One

Barrington 1 Beaminster 6

Combe Res 1 Merriott Rovers 3

Tommy Tabberer Cup

Round One

Beaminster Reserves 6 Uplyme 4

Tommy Tabberer Cup

Round Two

Shepton Beauchamp 4 Hinton 2

Jack Venn Cup Round Two

Forton Res 6 Dowlish & Donyatt 2

South Petherton Res 8 Drimpton 1

Bill Bailey Cup Round One

Hawkchurch 1 Crewkerne Res 3

Bill Bailey Cup Round Two

Fivehead w/o v White Horse Res

Premier Division

Crewkerne 1 Lyme Regis 2
Ilminster Reserves 2 Perry Street 2

Division One

Perry Street Res 2 Chard Rangers 3

Division Three

Chard Rangers Res 0 Millwey Res 6
Misterton Res 3 Shepton Res 2

Division Four

Chard Utd Reserves 5 Combe B 5
Hinton Reserves 2 Barrington Res 9
Thorncombe Res 3 Ilminster A 3
Waytown Hounds 6 Hawkch Res 2

FIXTURES

Saturday, January 30th

All kick-off at 2pm

Challenge Cup Round One

Charmouth v Misterton
White Horse v South Petherton

Arthur Gage Cup Round 1

Lyme Regis Res v Farway United

Tommy Tabberer Cup Round 1

Forton Res v South Petherton Res

Bill Bailey Cup Round 1

Lyme Bantams v Combe A
Shepton Res v Millwey Rise Res

Bill Bailey Cup Round 2

Crewkerne Res v Misterton Res

Premier Division

Beaminster v Lyme Regis
Merriott Rovers v Combe Reserves
Perry Street v Crewkerne

Division One

Chard Rangers v Merriott Res
Ilminster Town Colts v Netherbury
Thorncombe v Perry Street Res
W & M Chinnock v Forton Rangers
Winsham United v Pymore

Division Two

Chard United v Hinton St George
Dowlish & Don v Beaminster Res
Drimpton v Shepton Beauchamp
Millwey Rise v Uplyme

Division Three

Fivehead v White Horse Reserves
Hawkchurch v Crewkerne Rangers
Luso-Chard v Chard Rangers Res

Division Four

Barrington Res v Winsham Res
Combe B v Thorncombe Reserves
Farway Utd Res v Charmouth Res
Hinton Resv Chard United Reserves
Waytown Hounds v Ilminster A

LYME REGIS SKITTLE LEAGUE

RESULTS for week ending Sunday, January 24th.

LADIES DIVISION

Rollercoasters 319 La Creme 308 (A. Cross, A. Shaw 60), Just Us 296 Rock A Bys 331 (C. Sartin 60), Smashers 276 Hot Gossips 287 (H. Kitcher 58), Generations 322 Wootton Wobblers 352 (R. Parsons 77), Deano's Divas 278 Oh So Georgious 308 (L. Symes 57).

	P	W	D	L	Pts	Beer
Smashers	9	8	0	1	16	8
Oh So Georgious	10	6	1	3	13	12
Bids & Babes	9	5	2	2	12	14
Wootton Wobblers	9	5	0	4	10	8
Rollercoasters	10	5	0	5	10	7
Hot Gossips	9	5	0	4	10	5
La Creme	9	4	1	4	9	6
Rock A Bys	9	4	0	5	8	12
Abandon Ship	9	4	0	5	8	8
Just Us	9	3	1	5	7	15
Deano's Divas	9	3	1	5	7	15

Generations.....9 2 1 6 5 12
Castaways.....8 2 0 6 4 4
(Missing result: Castaways v Deano's Divas, December 17th).

MENS DIVISION ONE

Skippy's Six 359 Alleytwits 317 (S. Rowland, J. Stamp, P. Kirkman 64), Flyers 345 Clueless 314 (C. Marchant 66), Cowboys 335 Roadrunners 303 (L. Dare 66), No Hoppers 361 Anthill Mob 339 (J. Broome 69).

	P	W	D	L	Pts	Beer
Cowboys	12	8	0	4	16	18
Roadrunners	12	8	0	4	16	16
No Hoppers	11	7	0	4	14	11
Flyers	12	6	0	6	12	13
Skippy's Six	12	6	0	6	12	13
Anthill Mob	12	6	0	6	12	8
Marksmen	12	5	0	7	10	11
Clueless	11	5	0	6	10	9
Rousdon Rebels	12	5	0	7	10	7
Alleytwits	12	3	0	9	6	12

MENS DIVISION TWO

Young Guns 355 Hot Rocks 392 (S. Batey 83), Wreckers 362 Trappers 373 (N. Quick 70), Willy's Wanderers 284 Presidents Men 352 (D. Beckers, R. Cridge 66), Miscellaneous 395 Sherberts 255 (B. Bale 75), Wootton Tornadoes 332 British Legion 287 (B. Bartlett 60).

	P	W	D	L	Pts	Beer
Wootton Tornadoes	11	9	0	2	18	11
Wreckers	11	8	0	3	16	16
Hot Rocks	11	8	0	3	16	15
Presidents Men	11	7	0	4	14	10
Miscellaneous	11	6	1	4	13	14
Sherberts	11	5	1	5	11	12
Young Guns	10	5	0	5	10	13
Trappers	11	4	1	6	9	12
British Legion	11	2	1	8	5	6
Shakers	9	2	0	7	4	7
Willy's Wanderers	11	1	0	10	2	2

BOB BUCKLER RACING

BACK TO WINNING WAYS

MAYBE the recent weather conditions have hindered Bob Buckler's training programme, forcing him to adapt the stables to keep his horses fit instead of using the all weather track and surrounding fields, but the break in racing seemed to suit his horses with both *The Sawyer* and *Mizzurka* recording impressive victories.

The Sawyer, so unlucky not to have won the Grand Sefton Chase at Aintree in November when he unseated Will Kennedy three from home when looking to have the race in the bag, made no mistakes last Saturday at Ascot by winning the Class 2 Victor-chandler.com Handicap Chase over 2 miles 5 furlongs.

Ridden by conditional stable jockey Nathan Sweeney, the 10-year-old held off a late run from Miss Mitch to win by a neck. Always up with the leader he made a move on the back straight before going for home as they rounded Swindley Bottom to open up a 10 length lead, and although Robert Walford made a brave effort on the Robert Alner charge he could not quite get up.

Nick Mitchell's Ellerslie George, who had won two of his last three threatened for a while but eventually last ground four fences out to finish in the middle of the pack.

"It was a great win, and some compensation for the Grand Sefton," said Buckler. "Although it looked a bit close, he did have a lot more in the tank. His problem was he didn't need to stretch himself having such a big lead and did just enough. If it had become a serious battle he would have gone on again because that's the type of horse he is."

"The good thing is he has come

home fairly fresh and now may go for the Betfair Trophy Handicap Chase over the same distance at Cheltenham on Saturday."

Mizzurka was just as impressive winning the Dbs/e.b.f Mares' Standard Open Nh Flat Race (qualifier) at Taunton on Thursday.

Buckler thinks very highly of the 6-year-old who followed up her victory at Newbury three weeks earlier with a breathtaking 6 length win beating a very good field including the favourite Be My Light who was second and the highly thought of Alan King's Way Back When who was a further 1 1/2 lengths away third.

Once again ridden by Sweeney, she made all the running to pull away in the final two furlongs in imperious mode.

"She's a smart horse and the way she won was impressive; she went away from the others so easily at the end. Nathan gave her a good ride and having won this qualifier she will now go to the final at Sandown on March 14th."

Crank Hill also gave a good account of himself in the Shoreditch Handicap Chase over 3 miles 3 furlongs on the same card finishing third beaten 3 1/2 and 2 3/4 lengths by the joint favourites Wizard of Edge and Maori Legend.

Having dropped to the back he rallied midway under Harry Skelton and led the field approaching three out but couldn't maintain the advantage under pressure.

"He's a big, stuffy horse and needed the run and will come on for it," said Buckler.

In an earlier race *Ethiopia* and *Sean Thornton* battled it out in the E.b.f. National Hunt Novices' Hurdle (qualifier).

Sean Thornton chased the leaders and turning for home looked to be in with a chance but weakened to finish seventh, whilst *Ethiopia* was at the rear before making headway but he too found the pace too much and finished fifth.

"*Ethiopia* wants further. He was out-paced early on but ran on and gave a good account of himself. Sean did OK but there is more work to do on him."

The consistent and dependable *Double Dizzy* put in another good performance in the Wincanton Cup Handicap Chase on Saturday to finish fourth despite having a real rough ride throughout the race.

In ground much too heavy for his liking, he was badly cut up, then hampered by a falling horse before being badly squeezed on the rails, but still put in another sterling effort.

"He likes to have things his own way, and he really did have a rough race in unsuitable ground, but he coped well in the circumstances and I am pleased with his performance."

Over The Flow also performed well in the Handicap Chase at Fontwell on Monday helping run most of the field off their legs with a fast gallop. However the 8-year-old mare couldn't quite compete with her younger opposition and was beaten into third place.

"She needs further, and didn't help herself catching the second last and last hurdles, but I'm quite pleased with her run and she will improve on better going."

Double or Quitz failed to impress in the bumper on the same card. Although he led from the start he weakened two furlongs out and finished second last

WEST DORSET HOCKEY ROUND-UP

BEAMINSTER RETURN TO WINNING WAYS

WIMBORNE WAYFARERS 0 BEAMINSTER LADIES 2

BEAMINSTER got back to winning ways following defeat against Weymouth last week with a comfortable victory against bottom side Wimborne Wayfarers.

Yet again they struggled to field their strongest side with skipper Jenny Clarke still absent following the injury she sustained last week, and Jackie Gape and Claire Mudford both unavailable.

Despite this, Beaminster started strongly and were rewarded with an early goal from Bryony Edwards after a goalmouth scramble. This was just what Beaminster needed and with their confidence boosted they settled well into the game with numerous attacks on the Wimborne goal.

Player of the match Emma Davies combined well in midfield with Megan Tuck to produce a number of scoring chances, and forced a series of short corners.

However though accurate they failed to convert

any with the Wimborne keeper making a series of superb saves to keep her side in the game.

Midway through the first half however, Beaminster's pressure paid off when Edwards scored her second after accurate passing from Tuck and Lucy Timbrell allowing the visitors to go in at half-time with a two goal lead.

Wimborne started brightly in the second half putting much more pressure on the Beaminster defence and had keeper Rachel Andrews to thank as she produced a number of good saves to keep a clean sheet.

Although Beaminster struggled to connect and produce the fluidity of the first half, they stuck doggedly to their task to record a confidence boosting 2-0 win.

◆ *WEST Dorset men's team suffered a 2-1 defeat away to ECV Hornets B in a closely contested match.*

The result sees the Exeter team climb to second place, relegating West Dorset to fourth spot in the South-East Division One.

YEOVIL & DISTRICT MIXED TENNIS

DIVISION 1	Pld	Pts
Melcombe Regis	5	40
Martock A	5	38
Chard A	7	32
Sherborne A	4	30
Somerton A	6	27
Yeovil A	6	23
Martock B	5	16
North Cadbury	4	4

DIVISION 2	Pld	Pts
Sherborne B	5	42
Charmouth A	5	39
Weymouth A	7	36
Somerton B	5	17
Chard B	5	14
Misterton A	5	12

DIVISION 3	Pld	Pts
Wincanton A	6	40
South Petherton	5	46
Chard C	5	23
Yeovil B	6	20
Bridport B	6	20
Ilminster	4	18
Martock C	6	16

DIVISION 4	Pld	Pts
Beaminster A	7	64
Yeovil C	8	40
Somerton C	7	33
Sutton Montis	6	34
Weymouth B	6	26
Wincanton B	5	23
Beaminster B	8	20
Misterton B	7	12

Youth football summary

BRIDPORT U10 4 DORCHESTER STARS 1

BRIDPORT made a good strong start to this game with a number of chances in the first ten minutes but they had to thank keeper Jordan Scadding for two one-on-one saves as the ended level at the break.

The second-half saw the home side start with the same approach and they were soon in front from Jake Rowland's fine strike.

Rowland soon added a second which opened the game up and Jamie Herbert capped a fine display with a good hard shot.

Dorchester replied following a fine attack, but Bridport had the final say from a Callum Middleton goal to top a brilliant strong display against a strong Dorchester side.

Defenders Nathan Rollett and Jaydon Scadding both put in strong displays with the Man-of-the-Match award going to keeper Jordan Scadding.

Devon FA U15 County Cup Quarter-Final

BROADMEADOW 2 UPLYME 0

DESPITE some determined defending from Uplyme keeper Brett James and his defenders - notably George Heath

and Kieran Bearpark Broadmeadow took the lead with a fine header from a corner in the 25th minute after a spell of fairly evenly matched play.

Uplyme pressed forward from the restart with Will Rideout and Johnnie Turner working well with captain Sam Jones up front but couldn't fashion any clear-cut chances and the hosts' struck again just before the break.

The second half was a fairly even affair but Uplyme's attack lacked the bite of previous cup games due to the absence of key players and Broadmeadow cruised through to the last four.

LYME REGIS GOLF CLUB NEWS

SEED AND MORGAN EXCEL

THE "winter blues" were banished, for at least the immediate future, at Lyme Regis Golf Club on Sunday, January 24th when the winter series of mens competitions was resumed, after a weather induced break, with a four ball better ball event writes Steve Percival.

The conditions for the early starters was dry even if a little on the chilly side. Considering the recent weather, course conditions were excellent with full greens and tees, even if wet underfoot in places and a resulting need to take extra club to achieve the necessary distance to register a good score.

Amongst the early starters were Roger Seed and Adrian Morgan, playing off one and four respectively who performed an almost faultless round of golf to record an outstanding score of 43 Stableford points.

Adrian parred 11 holes and, had he not gone out of bounds on the on the

14th, was on track to record a well below par individual round.

Meanwhile Roger Seed, still recovering from a recent knee operation, played an equally impressive role which assisted the pair in recording five birdies. Pete Beviss, playing off six, and Alan Beer, playing off 10, finished a very close second with 42 points.

Third place was filled by Rob Coombe, playing off 16, and Greg Matthews, playing off six, who recorded a very creditable 39 points.

Ed Stockwell, playing on his own due to the absence of his scheduled playing partner recorded a solo effort of 39 points, 24 of which were carded on the first nine holes.

In all 13 two's were recorded during the competition which either reflects the general standard of play or the relief of the participants in at last being able to play on the full 18 holes of the course.

Not content with achieving an impressive second place in a recent official club competition, Brian Ridley

reinforced his reputation as one of the most consistent and steady players in the Club Seniors section when he scored an excellent 40 points in one of the regular unofficial 'friendly' events in the weekly schedule of 'roll-ups'.

Needless to say his 'roll up handicap' has now been reduced to reflect his performance.

LADIES with Ellie Langford 'Four clubs & A Putter'

Nine Hole Stableford

AFTER a few weeks of snow, rain and fog Lyme Regis ladies finally managed to play a competition.

It may have only been over nine holes, but it was still keenly contested, with the last pair finishing just as the fog came down and closed the course.

Division One: 1st Jane Dixon 16pts, 2nd Jill Cottrill 15pts.

Division Two: 1st Jean Moss 18pts, 2nd Val Rivers 16pts.



DARBY DAY: Malcolm Darby was in fine form in Lyme Regis' gritty 2-1 win at Crewkerne Town. Inset: Dom Rowe (2) and Joe Bond congratulate Julien Simier after the Frenchman opened the scoring seconds after coming off the subs bench. Photos by Howard Larcombe

CRITTS' DOUBLE SALVAGES MAGPIES A POINT

DORCHESTER TOWN 2 STAINES TOWN 2
Blue Square South
Attendance: 418

NICK Crittenden scored a brace to give a new look Dorchester Town a point against Staines Town at the Jewson Stadium on Saturday.

Crittenden struck twice in six minutes midway through the second half to cancel out Marc Charles-Smith's double that had appeared to seal the points for the visitors.

Manager Ashley Vickers rang the change in the Magpies first match since New Year's Day. With Phil Walsh and Ian Selley having left the club and Regan Coward injured, Vickers also rested full backs Ryan Hill and Neil Martin.

Simon Evans replaced Coward in goal for his first game since resigning for the Magpies two weeks ago whilst Kyle Critchell and recalled Jake Smeeton filled the full back positions.

Nathan Walker was handed his debut to partner Vickers in the centre of defence, whilst latest signing James Courtts took his place in midfield with Matt Groves recalled up front.

In a disappointing first half that Dorchester shaded, Courtts had a great chance to open his account early on but overran the ball as he rounded keeper Louis Wells.

Evans, recalled from Bridport, had little to do until just before the interval when he held Mazin Ahmad's volley but was lucky when he dropped a cross from the same player but the Dorchester defence scrambled it clear.

Staines took the lead on the stroke of halftime when Howard Newton's scuffed cross wrongfooted the Magpies defence and Charles-Smith had an easy task to roll the ball into the net.

A goal to the good the visitors applied most pressure at the start of the second half although hardly testing Evans whilst Steve Devlin drove wide following a neat one-two with Groves.

Charles-Smith had looked to put the game beyond Dorchester when he added a second in the 65th minute, rounding Evans before scoring after picking up Ahmad's through ball, but two minutes later Crittenden reduced the lead.

Ryan Moss battled down the left before crossing to Crittenden at the far post who firmly headed past Wells into the top right hand corner of the net.

The goal gave Dorchester renewed impetus and when Courtts found Crittenden in the box with a measured ball on 72 minutes the former Glover rounded Wells before slipping the ball home.

Vickers then went close with a volley beyond the far post before making way for the returning skipper Kevin Hill, to play his first competitive football since last August – a point recognised by the fans with the warm applause he got.

Whilst Vickers would have liked to have taken all three points, one was all they could muster against the robust visitors.

TERRAS FINDING LIFE TOUGH

WORCESTER CITY 3 WEYMOUTH 1
Blue Square South, Attendance: 646

BOTH sides had recently sacked their manager and although Worcester City have now promoted assistant manager Carl Heeley to take over from Richard Dryden, both teams appeared to be lacking cohesion and quality in a match littered with errors.

New Weymouth supremo George Rolls announced that they have whittled their shortlist to three and that an announcement was imminent, and it would appear it can't



■ **CRITICAL:** Nick Crittenden rounds keeper Wells to secure a point for Dorchester on Saturday.

Photo by IDRIS MARTIN

come too soon to enable the Terras to regain the spirit they had under sacked manager Ian Hutchinson.

This defeat followed the humiliation of losing to Toolstation Western League Division One Gillingham Town in the Dorset Senior Cup last Tuesday, leaving the Terras only the one task of avoiding relegation in what has so far been a turbulent season.

Against fellow strugglers Worcester City they had the boost of an early 8th minute goal, on-loan striker Ben Farrell's shot from the edge of the box being deflected past his keeper by Tom Kemp's outstretched foot.

By then returning striker Jake Reid had already missed two good chances to have opened the scoring.

Weymouth continued to dominate the game until midway through the half as Worcester found their feet, and they then made and squandered chances before finally equalising on the stroke of halftime. Marco Adaggio pounced to head home off the upright from Graham Ward's flag kick, the result of Terras keeper Ryan Harrison's fine save from Alfie Carter.

Neither side showed any real quality after the break with a lot of aimless midfield play but Worcester appealed for a penalty on the hour claiming that Scott Brice had handled Kemp's shot as he dived in to block it.

Marco McGregor missed a good chance 12 minutes from the end when he headed Adaggio's cross into the ground but it bounced up and over the bar.

However four minutes later the hosts took the lead when Kemp scored with a thumping header from Ward's corner, the result of Harrison tipping Adaggio's header behind.

Adaggio secured the points for Worcester five minutes from time when he swept home Carter's cross.

The travelling Terras fans voiced their disapproval at the sacking of Hutchinson, chanting his name in a defiant act of support.

◆ *Managerless Weymouth were unceremoniously dumped out of the Dorset Senior Trophy last Tuesday by Toolstation Western League Division One Gillingham Town.*

Despite having a lot of possession they failed to penetrate the Gills defence and a goal from Matt Chant midway through the second half was enough to condemn them to defeat.

He stabbed the ball home after the Terras defence failed several times to clear the ball following a corner.

Chris Allen had a great chance to have put Weymouth in the lead on the hour but shot straight at the in-form Gills keeper Jamie Beale and then Carl Foster should have equalised but somehow managed to miss from almost on the line, his shot coming back off the crossbar from Martin Slocombe's cross.

BEES DELIVER ANOTHER CUP KO

BRISLINGTON 0 BRIDPORT 2
Les Phillips Cup, First Round

BRIDPORT'S own WW formation delivered the goals that saw the Bees once again overcome higher opposition when they beat Premier League side Brislington 2-0 in their long awaited Les Phillips Cup first round tie.

This wasn't a throw back to 50 years ago when a team's formation included inside forwards and wing half's; indeed it was manager Trevor Senior's 5-4-1 line-up that was the inspiration behind the win; it was the midfield duo of Dan Wise and Darren Watts who scored second half goals to give Bridport an unexpected but fully deserved victory.

The Bees have already shown that they can up their game against the better teams having beaten Dawlish following a replay, and holding Truro City to a draw before succumbing to their Zameretto Premier Division opponents in the FA Cup earlier this season.

Senior started with Matt Moors as the only striker against Brislington with the idea of frustrating Brislington and hitting them on the break. As it was they did better than that as they out battled their hosts who failed to really trouble the Bees defence, and ran out worthy winners.

Bridport started the better and Matt Condliffe was unlucky with a cross shot that struck the far post with keeper Nick Yeo beaten.

However Brislington came back, and in their most dominant period of the match midway through the first half, also struck the woodwork when another cross shot came back off the crossbar. Although they created two or three

other chances they only forced keeper Simon Evans into one serious save which he dealt with capably.

Senior had to replace Moors, who was still suffering from a chest infection, at the break with Lewis Cocker.

Wise put the Bees into a deserved lead on the hour when he curled his free kick from the edge of the penalty area after Watts had been fouled around the wall and inside the post.

The goal gave Bridport impetus and they continued to attack, and three times Cocker's speed took him beyond the home defence with just the keeper to beat but unfortunately he could not take advantage.

However they were rewarded for their enterprise ten minutes from time when Cocker's dummy at the near post from Wise's corner gave Watts an easy chance from close in.

The Bees now entertain Keynsham Town in the second round at St Mary's Field on February 13th before the winners have a tough quarter-final tie against Premier opposition in Larkhall Athletic, Dawlish Town or Ilfracombe Town.

BRIDPORT 5-A-SIDE LEAGUE ROUND-UP

WEEK 9 provided some of the best team and individual performances of the season so far.

The first game of the night saw *This is Football* put in their best performance to date as they beat BBC Utd 11-2. Ashley Clarke hit five as *Bayern Neverlusen* beat *Mutz Nutz* 14-5. Russell Weller then put in the Player-of-the-Week performance for *Pineapple Utd* but sadly they still lost 8-3 to league leaders *Audacious*.

The last game of the evening saw *2 Stripe Athletic* battle really hard before going down 4-2 to *Samba Boys*. The game between *Craggy Island* and *Castle Utd* was postponed.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Audacious.....	9	9	0	0	72	19	27
Bayern Neverlusen	9	6	1	2	60	37	19
Castle United	8	6	0	2	63	31	18
Pineapple United	9	4	2	3	50	34	14
Samba Boys.....	8	4	1	3	45	28	13
Craggy Island.....	8	3	1	4	29	45	10
This is Football	8	3	0	5	46	45	9
BBC United	9	2	1	6	36	58	7
Mutz Nutz	9	2	1	6	34	81	7
2 Stripe Athletic.....	9	0	1	8	32	65	1

Leading Goalscorers:

Ben Clarke (Audacious) 22, Tristan Gale (Castle United) and Matt Condliffe (Samba Boys) both 18. Martin Bulman (Pineapple United) 16. Dan Jones (Samba Boys), Dom McAllister (Castle United) both 14.



■ **GAME OVER:** Weymouth keeper Ryan Harrison can do little to stop Marc Adaggio's late goal to seal victory for Worcester

WEST DORSET SPORT ROUND-UP

WITH STUART BROOM

BRIDPORT MEN CRASH AT LOWLY MELCOMBE

BRIDPORT'S men and ladies darts teams returned empty handed from their latest Dorset Superleague matches at Melcombe Regis, the men crashing to the bottom side 5-7 whilst the ladies went down 4-5.

The men started in the usual fashion of losing three of the opening four pairs with only Dan Morley and Mark Munro picking up a point, although Joe Carter hit a 180. In the singles, Chris Backhouse had another 3-2 win on his second appearance, getting a 180 in the process, but Graham Knight faced a tough match and went down 1-3. Ben Grainger then played a blinder, hitting a Man-of-the-Match 22.92 average, winning 3-1 including a 180 as well. Unfortunately, Derek Collins, Mike Long and Joe Carter all lost leaving Bridport 4-7 behind although Mark Munro

won 3-2 to make the final result 5-7. With top of the table Bere Regis their next opponents at The Clock House on Saturday, Bridport will be looking for better things. The Ladies had a much closer game. Jan Collins and Jo Knight put Bridport 1-0 up but with the next two pairs losing they went into the singles 1-2 behind, and with defeats for Janet Collins, Jo Knight and Sonia Cook it left them 1-5 behind. With only pride to play for, Elaine Ingram put in a Lady-of-the-Match performance in winning 3-0 with a 15.03 average before wins for Helen Long and Liz Vowles made the scoreline more respectable.

LYME REGIS DARTS LEAGUE

RESULTS from January 21st: DIVISION ONE - Rousdon Club
8 Lamb B 0, Lamb A 0 Nags Head A 8.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nags Head A	11	11	0	0	74	14	22
Rousdon Club	11	9	1	1	71	17	19
George A	10	4	2	4	41	39	10
Lamb B	11	4	2	5	36	52	10
Nags Z	10	3	1	6	34	46	7
Lamb A	10	1	4	5	30	50	6
Rockpoint A	9	2	2	5	29	43	6
Nags Head B	10	1	0	9	13	67	2

DIVISION TWO	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Talbot Arms	8	6	0	2	46	18	12
Rubber Johns	6	5	0	1	34	14	10
Royal Standard	7	4	1	2	34	22	9
Young Guns +1	6	2	2	2	27	21	6
George B	6	1	0	5	10	38	2
Royal Oak	7	0	1	6	9	47	1

◆ Stat leaders: 180s (top) Darren Herbert (Rousdon Club) and Terry Prowse (Nags Head A) both 6, Highest shot-out: Ben Grainger (Nags Head A) 154.

WEYMOUTH & DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS

CUP WOE FOR GORGE

IN the group stages of the Handicap Cup four teams play off with five games being needed in each match for a win. Games are played in the old format of best of three to 21 with the top two teams going through to the knockout stages. Both Shipton teams suffered defeat and must now win their remaining two matches to progress.

Colliton A 5 Shipton Gorge A 1
WITH Eddy Buck taking the first game from Miranda Edwardes in two straight it seemed a promising start for the Gorge but Colliton would not yield and after Eric Hornblow edged out Buck 2-1 (including a 27-25 set) he and Terry Whitworth remained undefeated. Chris Glover and Gil Roberts managed to take the odd set but found the handicap and the opposition just too much on the night.

Shipton Gorge B 4 Colliton C 5
GARY Edwardes (1), Sam Chant (1) and Richard Hill (2) all managed victories to take this match close but the visitors were always in control and deserved their win.

DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Springfield A	10	8	0	2	227	144	235
Shipton Gorge A	8	8	0	0	214	77	222
YMCA A	10	5	0	5	216	165	221
Red Triangle A	10	8	0	2	212	144	220
ASA	9	5	0	4	178	162	183
Colliton A	10	3	0	7	160	212	163
P&S Falcons	8	3	0	5	140	152	143
Civil Service B	11	2	0	9	135	273	137
St Osmunds Crusaders	8	4	0	4	127	160	131
Civil Service A	9	1	0	8	110	222	111
Budmouth A	5	2	0	3	87	95	89

DIVISION TWO	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Shipton Gorge B	11	9	0	2	246	154	255
Pilgrims	10	7	0	3	221	147	228
Springfield B	10	9	0	1	211	149	220
St Osmunds Sharks	9	8	0	1	204	129	212
Preston B	10	5	1	4	191	168	196
Civil Service C	11	5	0	6	190	202	195
Springfield C	9	5	0	4	187	143	192
Colliton B	10	6	0	4	183	171	189
Colliton C	10	2	1	7	170	204	172
St Osmunds Hawks	9	5	0	4	162	159	167
Dorset Youth Service	9	2	0	7	143	179	145
St Osmunds Lions	10	3	0	7	133	220	136
Preston A	9	1	0	8	134	201	135
Budmouth B	9	0	0	9	68	237	68

RUGBY ROUND-UP

with KEITH JENKIN

DORCH SURGE TO VICTORY IN LATE RALLY

I, ALONG with, I suspect, many rugby followers, took a moment last week to mourn the passing of Bill Maclaren, rugby commentator par excellence; and realised that I happen to use one or two of his phrases on occasion. I called someone a "demented ferret" the other day. (He was not amused).

He (Bill) gave much to the game and thousands will remember his commentary with great affection.

On Saturday I ventured to Dorchester to take in their game against Tadley.

DORCHESTER 26pts TADLEY 22pts
ALTHOUGH Dorchester's pitch was a little tender underfoot, hardly surprising really, conditions were good enough for this Southern Counties League game.

The opening exchanges certainly belonged to the visitors. They protected their own ball, worked their way into home territory and, after going through a couple of phases spun the ball wide for their full-back to get over some five yards from the posts. The conversion was kicked and Tadley led 7-0 with barely five minutes gone.

Surprisingly, for they had not shown too much thus far, Dorchester's response was immediate. They were not winning the set piece at this stage, but spread the ball wide a couple of minutes later on the Tadley twenty two and, after a break in the centre, full-back Read touched down out wide.

The try remained unconverted and, although the score line remained unchanged for the rest of the first quarter, I felt that Tadley looked the likelier outfit. Their lineout was going well, Dennison their out half was kicking adroitly from hand and the home midfield tackling was not quite as sure as they would have liked.

Tadley increased their lead on the half-hour. Having squandered a scoring chance through taking a wrong option, they won a penalty on the home twenty two and duly kicked the goal.

The home side seemingly were relying on the counter punch for they got a score back in short order, and it was a good one. They turned over Tadley possession in midfield, sent the ball wide and, after an exchange of passes, centre Harvey got over and ran to the posts. Jones kicked the conversion and Dorchester led 12-10, a scoreline that stayed unchanged until the change round.

The first-half's pattern of play continued into the second, with both sides playing well enough, but only intermittently, and it was now seemingly Tadley's turn to hold sway. Be-

fore the half was ten minutes old, and from set piece possession on the home twenty two, outside half Dennison slipped his marker, found a gap and went in under the posts for an excellent solo try that he converted himself. This score gave the visitors a five point cushion and they, I thought, wrapped up the result with an unconverted try a few minutes later.

From a set scrum on the Dorchester twenty two their scrum-half combined with his number eight and put one of his centres through to score halfway out. The score remained unconverted but gave Tadley a 22-12 lead with some twenty minutes left for play.

Then Dorchester's rally came. They took the final quarter by the scruff of the neck, drove into their opponents' twenty two before sending the ball through several pairs of hands and open side flanker, Miller, who had been prominent throughout, shrugged off a couple of tackles and crashed over some fifteen yards from the posts. Jones kicked the conversion and Dorchester were back to within a score with ten minutes remaining.

Although still three points in arrears, it was all Dorchester now. They imposed considerable pressure on the Tadley line and penalties were conceded by the defence. I thought they might have kicked one of these to tie the scores but they did not and their decision paid off for, with no side fast approaching, they tapped a penalty and scrum-half Gower scuttled over halfway out. Again Jones added the extras and there was just time for the restart but no time for Tadley to come back.

This was a game where fortunes ebbed and flowed and consequently it did not lack interest.

Both sides would feel less than satisfied with its midfield tackling but I thought that Dorchester were worthy of the win in view of their superiority during the final quarter and the fact that they had, in open side Miller, the best player on view.

WEYMOUTH 44pts WIMBORNE 2nd 3pts
WEYMOUTH had a dominating first half performance to thank for this convincing and decisive win. Their opponents conceded a rash of penalties early on and Peplow duly kicked one of them to give his side the lead before the game was ten minutes old. He then kicked another award to the corner and, after his pack had won the ensuing lineout and mauled the ball over the visitors line, he duly added the extras, thus increasing the lead to 10-0. He kicked another penalty a few minutes

later and although Wimborne replied with a similar effort Weymouth were in control at 13-3 ahead.

The final minutes of the half were fruitful ones for the home side. During this time, a loose kick from the Wimborne full back was run back by Peplow who linked with his backs and put centre Will Hughes over.

The stand off converted the try and added the extras to the next one also, scored by Ed Kirk in at the corner. Then, late in the half the home eight won a strike against the head, skipper Sample picked up, made ground and his telling inside offload found Isles who touched down.

This one remained unconverted but a penalty goal by Peplow in the stroke of half time put Weymouth really out of sight at 35-3 ahead. The second half was something of an anti climax, with Wimborne playing for pride and Weymouth feeling that the game was won and perhaps losing a little in urgency. In any event, they remained in control until the whistle for no side sounded and added two unconverted tries to their tally, one by Carter and the other by Llewendon, before the end.

POOLE 28pts WEYMOUTH 2nd 8pts

LATE withdrawals and injuries played a major part in Weymouth's defeat. Although first team calls caused them to reshuffle, at first all went well and they countered the home side's two first-half tries with a touchdown by Tubatt and a penalty goal kicked by Thorne and trailed 12-8 at the halfway stage. Injuries were beginning to curb their effectiveness however and the situation worsened before the second half was ten minutes old. In fact they played the last half hour with just fourteen men on the field. Poole took full advantage and stretched away to the win.

WARMINSTER Nil BRIDPORT 27pts

BRIDPORT wiped away any thoughts of their earlier reversal against this opposition with this win, made all the more satisfying because it was achieved when they were one or two players short of full complement.

They took a little time to settle and their efforts were set back a little when they had a player sent to the bin after some twenty minutes' play.

In his absence however, they kicked a penalty to the corner, won the ensuing scrum and pushed it over the home line, with Liam Poole touching down at the base.

The try remained unconverted but they increased their lead before the break with a try by winger Paris Hawkes-Wellstead, converted

this time by Ricky Stubbs, thus taking a handy twelve point lead in at the interval.

In fact the first half was a rather closer contest than the score suggests for Warminster, with their large pack had given as good as they got for the most part and could well have scored a couple of tries of their own.

Bridport began to pull away soon after the break. When the half was ten minutes' old the visitors won scrummage ball, passed it quickly across their back division, giving winger Hawkes-Wellstead space and he scuttled over for his second score of the game. Prop Stewart came close with the conversion kick.

A few minutes later they got the score that made the result safe when Mike Pibworth was well up to touch down a Gaylor kick ahead that had been gathered by Stubbs and offloaded. Warminster were by no means done however and Bridport would have felt, with hindsight, that their defensive performance was a pleasing aspect of their win.

They coped with the home side's attacks well and, with a couple of minutes left, out half Gaylor weaved his way over from some 30-yards out to score a good solo try and to take Bridport to a most satisfying win.

BRIDPORT 2nd 12pts SHERBORNE 31pts

THE Bridport second side's lack of rugby seemed to have effected them rather more than it did a useful Sherborne second string, for they started slowly and trailed by a converted try and a penalty goal to nil before the game was 20 minutes' old.

Sherborne's ten point lead was increased soon after when they intercepted on their own twenty two and ran to the posts from seventy yards out to touch down the try that was converted and, although the home side got a score back before the break via a Frampton try, they still trailed 5-17 at the halfway stage.

Another home error let Sherborne in early in the second-half and they converted this score too and stretched away and, although Frampton scored his second of the day, converted this time by Kidd, on the hour to reduce the deficit, another converted try by the visitors in the final five minutes took them to a comfortable win.

PREVIEW

WHAT price a win for all three local sides on Saturday next? I would suggest that it is very much on the cards.

DORCHESTER, who have fallen away a little after their very good start to the season,

travel to MINETY, a side who reside very much in the bottom half of the Southern Counties League (South).

Visitors to Minety generally come back with the view that the journey is the most difficult part of the afternoon, for it is long and rather tortuous. If they can organise themselves as they generally do, and not get lost en route, or turn up late, as sides have been known to do, I think they will win, and with a bit to spare.

BRIDPORT are at home to WESTBURY who hang on to a place in the Dorset & Wilts League Division One thanks to their large pack of forwards. Their back division is not a penetrative one and is often found out when sides run at it, ball in hand.

While conditions are likely to be heavy, and thus in Westbury's favour, I expect the home pack to achieve parity of possession as a minimum and, if the game is played predominantly in the wider channels, I expect Bridport to win with some ease.

WEYMOUTH have, on paper, the easiest game of all for they take on bottom side Salisbury seconds who have only won one game in the league so far this season. (That win came against Bridport and the Brewery Field side did not like to discuss it).

Weymouth themselves have not been at their best in recent weeks but even so should make light of the longish journey and return with the points.

As to the second sides, Bridport lock horns with their opposite numbers from Dorchester in what should be an intriguing contest. Visitors Bridport like to run with the ball, but have not been doing it all that well recently, while the home side do tend to play a more solid and workmanlike game. There won't be too much in this one, although I think that Bridport might just edge it.

Weymouth seconds will have their hands full when they entertain Bournemouth fourths.

FIXTURES 30th January - Bridport v Westbury (home); Bridport 2nd v Dorchester 2nd (away); Chard 2nd v Taunton 3rd (away); Chard 3rd v Wells 3rd (home); Chard Colts v Bridgwater Colts (home) Friday evening; Crewkerne v Weston Super Mare 3rd (away); Dorchester v Minety (away); Dorchester 2nd v Bridport 2nd (home); Honiton v Totnes (home); Honiton 2nd v Devonport Services 2nd (home); Sidmouth 2nd v Tiverton 2nd (home); Sidmouth 3rd v Topsham 2nd (away); Sidmouth Colts v Exeter Saracens Colts (home); Weymouth v Salisbury 2nd (away); Weymouth 2nd v Bournemouth 4th (home).

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INSIDE: Comprehensive local sports news round-up

VICKERS SICK AT TWO POINTS LOST 'Massive attack hits Dorch

DORCHESTER Town manager Ashley Vickers was disappointed not to get all three points from his side's first game in three weeks when a Nick Crittenden double secured a 2-2 draw with Staines Town.

"I thought we dominated the game and produced a number of half chances which we didn't take. We unfortunately gave away a sloppy goal right on half-time, but after a few words in the break looked to have got back in the game but then conceded again when the guy was allowed to run unchallenged.

"But all credit to the lads. They kept believing in their ability and in the end could and should have won it, although I would have settled for a point before the game.

"Staines are a physical side, well placed in the league and just had a good FA Cup run, and so it wasn't a bad result."

Vickers was full of praise for Crittenden who was sidelined with an injury for several weeks earlier in the season, but is now showing the form he is capable of.

BY STUART BROOM

"Crittis is a fantastic player and has been a top man at every club he has played for. I have played with and against him throughout our careers and he really is a credit. His ankle problem hopefully is now behind him and although he drifted in and out of the match he came up with the goods when required, and his header at the back stick was a great one to get us back in the game."

Vickers is also pleased to have skipper Kevin Hill back in contention. Hill came on to rapturous applause from the crowd to replace Vickers with 11 minutes to go in his first competitive game since damaging his foot against Newport County last August.

"It's great to have Hilly back, and he took command of the situation immediately. We have missed his experience, organisation and leadership and is a big plus for the club."

Midfielder Ian Selley has left the club by

mutual agreement. The 35-year-old former Gunner joined Dorchester Town at the beginning of the season. Ian is one of the most professional people I've ever met and it's disappointing to lose someone of his calibre but it's a question of economics, we just couldn't afford him in the current climate."

Vickers had no injury problems ahead of last night's home match with fellow strugglers Lewes, but warned: "We can't afford to take them lightly. They have two good wingers so we have to pick a side to match them."

Vickers was unable to say how long Regan Coward will be sidelined with his back injury except that he won't rush him back. "I know what back injuries can do, and if you don't get them sorted it will plague you for the rest of your career, so we won't be rushing him back, we have Simon Evans who is more than capable to replace. It could be two or three weeks but we shall have to wait and see."



■ EASY: Marc Charles-Smith has the simple task of rolling the ball home to give Staines Town the lead on Saturday.



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